

More than 1.7 million out of work Biggest rise in jobless total for nine years

By PHILIP WEBSTER and COLIN NARBROUGH

THE number of people out of work rose by 57,600 in November, to more than 1.7 million. The rise is the biggest for nine years, and it provides striking confirmation that the economy is moving rapidly into a deep recession with a general election no more than 18 months away. Unemployment has now risen for eight consecutive months.

John Major immediately voiced his regret at the increase, while seeking to neutralise its political impact by blaming it on high pay claims. However, it is widely believed at Westminster that it means that his political honeymoon will prove short-lived.

The Chancellor, Norman Lamont, had admitted in the Commons on Wednesday that unemployment would rise over the next few months. However, the increase was much worse than expected. It spread beyond the depressed areas of the country into every region - including the Conservatives' heartland South-east.

The figures produced the sharpest Commons clash between Neil Kinnock and the

prime minister since Mr Major became Tory leader. Coming the day after Mr Lamont ruled out an early cut in interest rates, they added to Conservative MPs' doubts about the likelihood of an early election.

The seasonally-adjusted rise of 57,600 shocked City economists. They had expected it to be about 35,000, in line with the average monthly increase over the past few months. Treasury forecasts, previously regarded by many outside economists as rather pessimistic, are increasingly being perceived as optimistic.

Gwynn Haccbe, UK economist at the stockbroker James Capel, described the news as "extremely grim". It was reminiscent of the accelerating jumps seen in the 1974-75 recession, although not as bad as the increase in the early eighties. Of particular concern was the 16,000 fall in the number of people in manufacturing industry, he said. Such job losses had a knock-on effect on employment elsewhere, for example in services.

In the Commons, Mr Kinnock told Mr Major that the rise was a direct and deliberate result of his policies when Chancellor. The prime minister replied that everyone regretted the rise in unemployment, but added: "I have been warning for some months that if wage rises stay high that will have a necessary effect on jobs." The latest official figures show that average earnings rose by 10 per cent in the year to October.

Mr Kinnock responded by accusing the government of dishonesty. When the figures came down, it claimed success and when they went up it was somebody else's failure. "Why won't you be man enough to own up properly to the reason for the rise and accept blame for your own policies?"

Mr Major declared that there would be a considerable reduction in inflation over the next few months, after which the country would return to a position of growth. Britain's unemployment rate, at 6.2 per cent, was among the lowest in the European Community. "Long term unemployment is still falling and the extent to which the economy has been revived is shown, not least, by

the fact that of those who have just lost their jobs, 50 per cent will find themselves back in work within three months," he said.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, TUC economic committee chairman and general secretary of the public employees' union Nupe, rejected Mr Major's claims. Unemployment was not the fault of the trade unions or working people, but of the government's economic policies. "The TUC forecast that unemployment would go above two million in our approach to Chancellor John Major this time last year. He took no notice and the government took no notice and we are now starting to reap the whirlwind."

Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said: "The tragic reality behind these shameful statistics is that more and more workers are paying the price of the government's failure with their jobs." Meanwhile, City expectations of lower interest rates receded further. The pound's weakness in the ERM, and the Chancellor's emphasis in the Commons on Wednesday on the need to keep sterling firm, persuaded financial markets that no easing is likely until next year.

Fears that the pound would come under renewed pressure from higher German interest rates were dispelled when the Bundesbank yesterday decided to leave its key lending rates unchanged.

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Hunting with the pack: the Quantock Staghounds meeting on National Trust land in Somerset yesterday

Delors plot to corner Major on Euro union

From ROBIN OAKLEY AND MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

JOHN Major will be confronted today with an ingenious scheme to entice him into support for swifter European economic and monetary union.

A plan to be presented by Jacques Delors, the Commission president, incorporates a variant of Mr Major's hard ecu proposal into a speedier timetable for handing over control of economic and monetary policy to European institutions.

The plan puts Mr Major in a dilemma. On the one hand it will enable him to claim that the European Community's proposals for EMU have now been substantially modified in line with his alternative. On the other hand it invites him to go along with the ultimate aim of a single currency and reaffirms many of the details that he and Mrs Thatcher so vigorously opposed.

The Delors plan, a draft treaty to be debated at the inter-governmental conference opening immediately after today's summit, calls for a future EC central bank to manage a strengthened European currency unit - in effect the hard ecu that Mr Major has been presenting as his evolutionary approach to a single currency.

By giving the newly-established Eurofed the responsibility of managing a strengthened Stage Two of EMU, M Delors has created a function for the new European central bank which is to be established in January, 1994. Under the original EMU plan, it was not clear what the Eurofed would do until Stage Three, when currencies are irrevocably locked. The Eurofed in Stage Two would bear close resemblances to the European Monetary Fund which Mr Major proposed should manage the hard ecu.

Details of how the ecu is to be strengthened remain un-

clear, but one source here suggested that the Community could simply freeze the present mix of currencies in the basket making up the ecu. This would give the currency a fixed value, but it would not make it automatically the strongest currency in Europe, "harder" even than the Deutschmark, as Mr Major had proposed. The German Bundesbank has always objected to the creation of a completely new hard currency, but it would agree to a redefinition of the basket of 12 currencies which make up the present Ecu.

"This plan is looking to build a bridge to the UK," said one EC official. The Delors plan plays skillfully on Mr Major's eagerness to establish his European credentials following Mrs Thatcher's departure, and to live up to his promise of a "constructive dialogue" with EC partners. But if he is seen to be too ready to accept speedier European integration, he will risk splitting the Conservative party by upsetting the Euro-sceptics in the Tory ranks, many of

whom supported him in the leadership contest.

The British government had not been alerted in advance about M Delors' initiative. Treasury and Foreign Office officials knew nothing of it last night.

A further test loomed for Mr Major in that the Italian presidency yesterday seemed to be hustling the pace also on political union, the subject of the other IGC starting tomorrow.

The foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd told the Commons last week that Britain had been working to stop any attempt by EC partners to lay down what the IGC should discuss before it had even met. British ministers had regarded the opening meeting of the IGC as a purely formal session.

But yesterday Signor Pío Mastroianni, the spokesman for the Italian presidency, said that the foreign ministers would immediately get down to detail at the first IGC. Continued on page 20, col 5

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Levitt chief arrested as police raid offices

By ANGELA MACKAY

ROGER Levitt, the flamboyant founder and chairman of Levitt Group, was arrested at his home in Highgate, north London, yesterday, while police raided the West End offices of his collapsed financial services group.

The police said they were questioning Mr Levitt, but no charges had been laid. Several boxes of documents were taken from the offices.

Liquidators from KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock were appointed to Mr Levitt's

£150 million business on Tuesday, after the group's accountants found a £30 million to £40 million hole in the company's balance sheet. Mr Levitt, the master salesman who at one stage had a personal fortune estimated at £80 million, befriended celebrities including Adam Faith, Sebastian Coe and Lennox Lewis, the boxer. His empire included an entertainment and sporting division.

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Trust sets aside hunt ban vote

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE governing council of the National Trust last night rejected last month's vote of its membership to ban deer hunting on trust land from next August, delighting the field sports lobby and infuriating animal welfare activists.

The trust put off for three years the most difficult decision in its 95-year history by setting up a scientific working party to study the conservation and management of red deer on the Quantock Hills and Exmoor, the two principal areas where deer hunting takes place and where the existence of hunts was threatened by a ban on trust land.

No action will be taken by the trust about hunting of any kind, including fox hunting, before the annual general meeting. Continued on page 20, col 1

Life for Babes in Wood man

Russell Bishop, aged 24, an unemployed labourer, was sent to prison for life yesterday for the attempted murder of a seven-year-old Brighton schoolgirl - three years after a jury acquitted him of the notorious Babes in the Wood murders.

Last night the Home Office took the unusual step of defending the scientists who also carried out forensic tests in the Babes in the Wood case. Page 3

Jail report

Pressure on the government to reduce the number of mentally disturbed people in jail will be increased by the publication today of a scathing critical Prisons Inspectorate report on Brixton jail in south London. Page 4

Wedgwood split



Paddy Byrne, chief executive of Wedgwood Wedgwood, is to resign after three years with the group, which will split its crystal and china businesses into separate units in a bid to reverse a severe profits collapse. Page 21

Iraq defiant

Iraq, showing no sign that it will pull out of Kuwait by the UN deadline of January 15, announced it had set up hundreds of civil defence training centres to prepare the population for war. Page 10

New coal chief

The government made the surprise appointment of Neil Clarke, a City industrialist, to be chairman of British Coal from January 1. The former chief executive of Consolidated Chartered, the mining company, would succeed Lord Haslam of Bolton. Page 23

England win

A victory by 33 runs over New Zealand in the World Series Cup in Sydney helped lift the gloom for England's cricket team in Australia. Page 34

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Hostel promise to help the homeless

By JOHN WINDER

ACTION to ease the plight of people sleeping rough in London was promised by the prime minister yesterday. He announced a government initiative to provide more beds in hostels and other long-term accommodation.

John Major told MPs that Sir George Young, the housing minister, would give details of plans within a few days. Sir George was talking to agencies and together they were developing new and more effective ways to get those sleeping rough off the streets.

Sir George is cutting through red tape to accelerate the provision of housing for London's homeless. The environment department has begun a £97 million three-year programme to provide accommodation for those labelled "roofless" and a progress re-

port is expected before Christmas.

The programme's first phase will provide three hostels with a total of 140 new places, at the Station Hotel, Islington; King George's Hotel, Westminster; and in Crispin Street, Lambeth.

Paul Boateng, Labour MP for Brent South, had asked Mr Major how could it be to get "before the homeless are given the opportunity of shelter". Mr Major did not give a detailed reply, but the health department fund an organisation known as SHIL (single homeless in London) which provides beds in former hospitals and other accommodation in the capital. That is opened, on the decision of a minister, if at least three days of freezing temperatures are forecast.

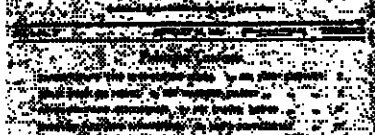
BBC pulls the plug as The Listener loses £1m

By MELINDA WITTISTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE LISTENER, the 61-year-old weekly magazine whose many famous and talented contributors have included George Orwell, A.J.P. Taylor, Clive James and Stephen Fry, is to cease publication next January - a victim of mounting losses and dwindling circulation.

Read by 27,000 when it was launched in 1929 to provide verbatim transcripts of BBC radio programmes that people may have missed, The Listener has suffered a decline in circulation from 153,000 at its height in 1949 to just 16,500 today. An unprecedented advertising recession, combined with the decision last summer of the independent television companies to withdraw their financial backing, was the final

The Listener



The first issue's masthead

laid in the coffin for the intellectual magazine whose future, along with that of Punch, The New Statesman and Society and other specialist magazines, has been in doubt for more than a year.

The BBC, whose overall revenue is set to decline following the government's decision to peg increases in the licence fee to less than the retail price index, said yesterday that it could no

longer sustain a magazine with losses approaching £1 million this year.

Paul Fox, managing director of BBC Television and a director of Listener Publications, said: "With the withdrawal of ITV, the BBC will have to bear the full burden of those losses. This is clearly incompatible with our responsibility to provide value for money to licence payers."

Peter Fiddick, The Listener's editor, and Joanne Hurst, its general manager, were summoned to the BBC yesterday after the fateful BBC board of governors meeting. The 22-strong staff said in a joint statement: "We are extremely dismayed by the BBC's decision but we do not believe this is the end of the road for The Listener. As a staff, we're looking for backing, with or without the BBC, and we have already developed new editorial plans

for the magazine." The Listener was ideally placed to take advantage of the break-up of the television listings duopoly next March, by offering readers what would have been an upmarket version of the BBC's Radio Times with in-depth analysis of the broadcasting world.

Alan Coren, The Times columnist and former editor of both Punch and The Listener, said the closure was sad but inevitable. "It was like climbing the north face of the Eiger with a large gas stove strapped to your back," he said. "A circulation of under 20,000 is not enough to appeal to the vanities of the best columnists and critics, who can reach millions in a newspaper. The Listener, New Statesman, The Spectator and Punch just don't have the clout or the constituency they used to."

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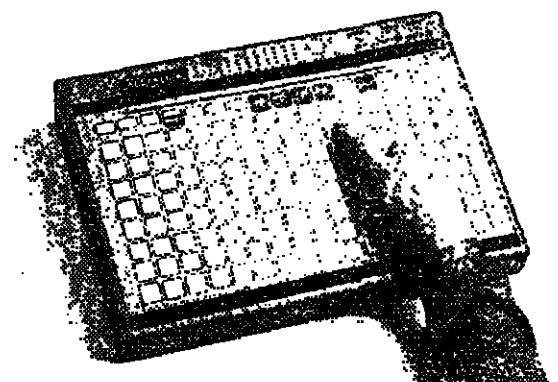
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Families of Deal bomb victims may sue MoD

By RAY CLANCY

FAMILIES of the 11 Royal Marines bandmen killed in the bombing at Deal, Kent, said last night they were considering legal action to try to find out more about security at the barracks where the device was planted despite a high security alert.

After a jury returned verdicts that the bandmen were unlawfully killed when a "typical IRA device" was planted in the coffee room at the Royal Marines school of music in September 1989, the families said they were not satisfied with the security details given at the inquest in Dover.

Audit office savings of £215m

By PETER VICTOR

SAVINGS of £215 million have been achieved by the National Audit Office as a result of changes agreed with government departments in 1988 and 1989, according to the audit office's annual report. Reduced costs of British forces in Germany accounted for £73 million.

The audit office expects savings of £100 million a year through more efficient use of hospital operating theatres and £250 million a year from improvements in the reliability of defence equipment.

The audit office investigates independently all aspects of government activity with a view to persuading departments to provide better value for money. John Bourn, head of the audit office, said yesterday that the organisation is to introduce a regional structure with an office in Leeds. A fifth of its 900 staff will work in the northern region.

The report says that audit office estimates of savings by government departments in response to its recommendations include £1.6 million recovered by customs and excise from the European Community and £1 million to £2 million a year through prompt collection of money due from US forces in the UK.

After audit office recommendations, the Treasury has issued guidance to departments on weakness in internal control, including computer abuse, and the need for contingency planning, bill checking, call logging and private calls by staff. Some government departments have also cut down their use of consultants for non-specialist information technology work and improved project management.

The four-day hearing was told that doors to the coffee room were left unlocked because the key was broken and it was easy for an intruder to enter the barracks over low walls.

Security was provided by Royal Marines and Reliance, a private firm, but details of its activities at the site were not given. Questions on security were blocked by Richard Sturt, the East Kent coroner, after counsel for the Ministry of Defence said such information could compromise military security elsewhere.

Fraser Whitehead, solicitor acting for the family of musician Richard Fice, aged 22, who died in the blast, said critical questions had not been answered as the inquest was restricted by a certificate of public interest immunity requested by Archie Hamilton, the minister for armed forces. "I recognise there is a need for such certificates but I personally believe that in this particular case it may have gone further than necessary," Mr Whitehead said.

Three crucial issues had to be examined, he said: why nothing was done to step up security at Deal when an extra £88 million was allocated to the MoD to do so at its establishments after the bombing of Inglis barracks, north London, in August 1988; why the perimeter fence at Deal was not made reasonably secure when there had been a state of high alert since January 1988; and why Deal was allowed to remain a soft target.

"As we could not ask these questions at the inquest we are looking to obtain the answers in the civil courts," Mr Whitehead said. The action would probably be against the defence ministry with a view to obtaining damages for the families.

The jury had taken 80 minutes to return verdicts of unlawful killing on Corporal Trevor Davis, 39, musician Richard Fice, 22, musician Timothy Reeves, 24, musician Robert Simmonds, 34, musician Michael Ball, 24, Corporal David McMillan, 26, musician Mark Petch, 26, and musician Christopher Nolan, 21.

Lieutenant Colonel Ian Gardiner, who became commandant at Deal two months ago, said afterwards that the security issues which emerged had been noted and "appropriate action was taken". He said he had been enormously impressed by the courage of those who had survived, some of whom were still unable to fully play their instruments.



Royal decaden: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 90 this year, with the Princess Royal, aged 40, the Duke of York, aged 30, and Princess Margaret, aged 60, at the Buckingham Palace ball to mark their birthdays

MEPs want code for submarines in Irish Sea

By KERRY GILL

MORE precautions were called for by Euro MPs yesterday to avoid a repetition of the accident in which the fishing boat *Antares* was sunk by the submarine *Trenchant* with the loss of four crewmen in the Firth of Clyde last month.

Support for new measures, including a ruling that submarines should remain on the surface while crossing the Irish Sea, came from Labour, Scottish National Party and Northern Ireland MEPs and were supported by members of the European parliament in Strasbourg. The MEPs called

for an international ruling for net avoidance systems on submarines and urged the British government to provide compensation for the families of the *Antares* victims.

Karel Van Miert, the transport commissioner, said that the commission would study the suggestions. The Conservative group said that recently introduced safety measures were adequate and refused to support the motion.

Meanwhile, Jamie Russell, aged 36, the skipper of the *Antares*, and Dugald John Campbell, aged 20, a crew-

man, were buried at their home port of Carradale, Argyll, yesterday. The funeral of Stewart Campbell, aged 29, will be held today. The body of the fourth crewman, Billy Martindale, aged 24, has not yet been found.

About 300 people filled the whitewashed parish church and hundreds more gathered outside to hear the service on loudspeakers. Among wreaths were three from the *Trenchant*'s company. They bore the message: "With deepest sympathy." The *comodore* of the Clyde

submarine base was among the mourners. The harbour was filled with fishing boats, many of the mourners having arrived by sea.

The *Shetland* coastguard, meanwhile, continued searching yesterday for the crew of the fishing boat *Premier* which sank in gale force winds off Shetland on Wednesday.

They returned, however, having spotted only fish boxes and oil. Richard Crowther, Lerwick's coastguard station officer, said: "The search was a goodwill gesture to see if anything had popped up over-

night which could help determine what caused the problem in the first place. If any bodies come to the surface and are found we will do our very best to recover them." Of the initial rescue, he said: "We did a thorough and extensive search of the area and it was unfortunate and sad that it was unsuccessful."

Scottish fishermen said last night that they will ignore European Community rules if ordered to spend ten consecutive days in port each month, as part of a 1991 conservation package.

Retirement application by official

Barry O'Neill, aged 56, director of social services for Staffordshire, where allegations involving children's homes are being investigated, is seeking leave to retire early. He is expected to leave his job this month if his application is approved next week.

Alan Levy, QC, is investigating a controversial method for controlling adolescents called "pin down" alleged to have been used at two council-run children's homes. Mike Poulter, chairman of the county's social services committee, said Mr O'Neill had been under immense strain and his health had suffered as a result of enormous challenges facing his department.

Arrests 'illegal'

Defence lawyers for the three IRA suspects arrested last week by British police are planning to appeal for the release of the men because their arrest may have been illegal. The lawyers have lodged an appeal claiming a law which came into effect days before the arrests was not adhered to. A decision on the claim will be made early next week and the three could be freed immediately.

Dog must die

Therese Lawson, wife of the former Chancellor, may need skin grafts after being bitten in the leg by an Alsatian, Hincley, Hincley magistrates were told yesterday. They ordered the dog to be destroyed and its owner, James Robinson, of Sharnford, Leicestershire, to pay £23 costs. He admitted failing to control the dog.

Arts jobs at risk

The Royal Opera House has to lose 50 posts in the next year in order to deal with a projected £4.4 million deficit, Jeremy Isaacs, director general, told staff yesterday. There may have to be redundancies among the 1,000 people working in the Royal Opera, the Royal Ballet and the Birmingham Royal Ballet, he said.

Bridge of sighs

A proposal for a steel bridge over the Severn, close to the world's first iron bridge, has been rejected by the environment secretary. Shropshire county council wanted the bridge to relieve traffic congestion at Ironbridge Gorge, which is a world heritage site and conservation area.

Hamleys fined

Hamleys, the toy shop, was yesterday fined £800 at Hammersmith Road magistrates' court for opening its store in Regent Street, London, on a Sunday last year. It was criticised for not sending a representative to court.

Jury at hotel

The Old Bailey jury trying Rodney Whitcheo, aged 43, of Hornchurch, Essex, on charges including blackmail and contaminating baby food, was sent to a hotel last night after failing to reach a verdict. The trial continues today.

Price war is slashing profits, car trade say

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FIERCE price competition is forcing motor dealers to accept some of the lowest profit margins in the retail industry, a monopolies enquiry was told yesterday.

Britain's 7,500 motor dealers countered accusations of profiteering in its evidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), which is investigating why car prices can be up to 30 per cent cheaper in the rest of Europe.

The discounting war among manufacturers, which has meant cuts of up to £1,000 in showroom prices, has reduced dealer profit margins to 1 per cent of turnover before tax, according to the Retail Motor Industry Federation (RMI), which represents dealers. That compares with net margins of 5 to 7 per cent made by supermarket chains, the federation said.

It added that even in last year's record market, when 2.3 million new cars were sold, profits were "no more than marginal".

Neil Marshall, the organisation's chief economist, said: "It is blatantly obvious that there is huge price competition in Britain. It is not enough to just look at the showroom price, and consumer groups have found that this country has the highest levels of discounting in Europe, while other dealers are offered, such as in low-cost finance, for example."

The evidence from the federation is among the first to be collected by the MMC, which is investigating claims by consumer groups that British customers were being "milked" with prices substantially above those on the Continent.

The motor industry federation, however, says in its evidence that price differences can be put down to specifications that vary from market to market as well as differing levels of taxation.

Rifkind told to end bias against public transport

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A RADICAL overhaul of government transport policy was called for yesterday by an alliance of public transport campaigners, environmental groups, local government bodies, and private-sector interests.

More than 30 organisations, including Transport 2000, the pro-public transport lobby, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, property developers, and motoring organisations, are backing the initiative calling for an end to what is seen as the bias against public transport.

In a joint statement, the alliance members urged Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to abandon a transport strategy which, they argue, has left public transport investment restricted by private sector disciplines, while private transport investment is allowed to benefit from public sector considerations.

According to Stephen Joseph, director of Transport 2000, an organisation funded by British Rail, the rail unions, and the Council for the Protection of Rural England, this confusing state of affairs results from the government's imposition of commercial disciplines on rail investment, while applying non-commercial considerations to road schemes.

As a result, many socially beneficial rail investment projects, such as the proposed Edinburgh-Aberdeen and the

Midland mainline electrification schemes were rejected because they are unable to demonstrate the 8 per cent rate of return required by the government for rail investment, Mr Joseph said.

At the same time, road investment schemes that may not in themselves satisfy the 8 per cent return criteria often secure government approval because the value of reduced congestion, pollution, and improved safety, are factors in the cost equation, he said.

Not all rail investment schemes are required to jump this hurdle. Investment in the new London Underground lines, such as the extension of the Jubilee Line from Green Park to Stratford, and the planned East-West Crossrail

between Paddington and Liverpool Street, were only approved because of their wider social and environmental benefits. Nevertheless, "most rail investment schemes face far more stringent financial criteria than their road-based alternatives," Mr Joseph said.

As well as demanding a broader assessment of the social and environmental benefits of rail investment, the alliance called for a long-term investment programme for rail, similar to the ten-year programme used in road construction.

British Rail has already gone some way to meet this demand, following its decision last month to abandon the traditional three-year corporate plan in favour of a long-term strategic planning horizon. However, the alliance wants this approach to be extended to include all other forms of transport, a practice applied with considerable success by Britain's European partners, Mr Joseph said.

Local authorities should also be empowered to draw up coherent packages of transport measures, integrating new road and rail links, bus and cycle lanes, and pedestrian crossings. These could then be financed as a whole, instead of the present piecemeal approach that often leads to some elements of a scheme being approved while others are rejected, Mr Joseph said.



Rifkind: urged to change transport policy

Hospital receives £8m from shy donor

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

OCTAV Botnar, the shy head of Nissan UK, yesterday became the biggest benefactor to Great Ormond Street hospital for sick children since J.M. Barrie donated the royalties from *Peter Pan*.

Mr Botnar's company handed over £8 million to the children's hospital in London, which has faced tight controls on spending recently. The donation will allow the hospital to realise plans for a pathology and research laboratory by 1993, using the most modern equipment to investigate a wide range of diseases, including leukaemia.

Like Barrie, who specified that no details of his donation should be published, Mr Botnar was reluctant to be thrust into the limelight.

business world, Mr Botnar gambled 21 years ago that Japanese cars would become a success in Europe. He signed exclusive rights to sell Nissan cars, then known as Datsuns, in Britain in 1969.

From 1,200 cars then, annual sales will reach 110,000 this year. His success also proved a key factor in persuading Nissan to build its £650 million factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, which employs 2,500 people.

Reputedly a billionaire, it emerges that Mr Botnar restructured his company in the mid-1970s so that 5 per cent of profits are distributed to charity annually.

Nissan UK is now 71 per cent owned by European Motor Vehicles, whose board, although headed by Mr Botnar, is made up of trustees

rare public appearances yesterday at a lunch party at the Savoy hotel to celebrate 21 years running Nissan UK. His modesty still prevented him from speaking about the donation and staff were told not to use his name too often in references to the anniversary.

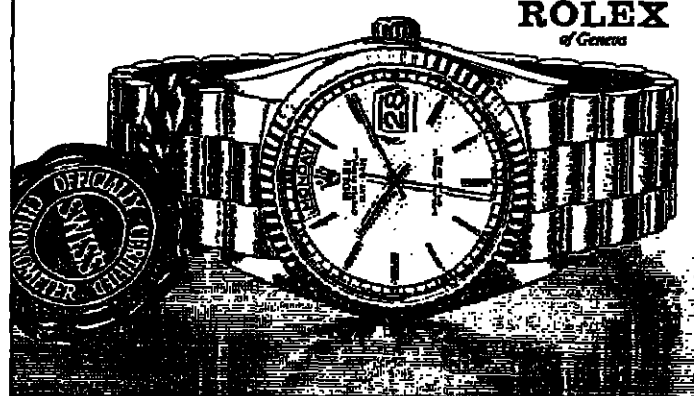
News of the donation came as an afterthought with no specific announcement, although Sir Anthony Tippet, general manager of Hospitals for Sick Children, was at the lunch. He said: "We are delighted with Mr Botnar's generosity. This donation is the largest we have received."

Nissan UK's £8 million overtakes J.M. Barrie's gift of the royalties from *Peter Pan*, which are thought to have brought in more than £1 million over 23 years.

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Girl's sex attacker jailed for life for attempted murder

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

RUSSELL Bishop, the man who was acquitted three years ago of the Babes in the Wood murders, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the attempted murder of a young girl.

Cheering erupted at Lewes crown court when Mr Justice Nolan ordered him to be taken away after telling him: "You are a very dangerous man, perhaps even more dangerous than you realise."

Bishop, aged 24, an unemployed labourer and father of three, was convicted of abducting a seven-year-old girl and sexually assaulting her. He overpowered her as she roller-skated home, and drove her in the boot of his car to Devil's Dyke, a landmark on the South Downs in East Sussex, where he left her for dead after trying to strangle her.

The girl, who may not be named, survived the attack on February 4 and was able to describe her ordeal to police.

Bishop, an educationally sub-normal man who grew up in Brighton, also received ten years for kidnapping and ten years for indecent assault, the sentences to run concurrently with his life term.

After being convicted Bishop held his head in his hands and, surrounded by four prison officers, sat down in the dock and sobbed uncontrollably. Later there were scuffles and angry exchanges outside the court as members of his family were escorted away by police, who had closed the road to traffic.

The jury convicted him after deliberations lasting four hours 20 minutes at the end of a four-week trial. The judge told Bishop: "You have been found guilty of the attempted murder of a young child, and in circumstances almost as dreadful as can be imagined."

"You have pleaded not guilty and insisted on your innocence in the face of overwhelming evidence against you. You are a very dangerous man, perhaps more dangerous than you realise. Your conduct is all the more appalling by the fact that you yourself are the father of young children."

The judge, who described the abduction as carefully planned, said that life was the only sentence to match the charge.

Bishop's conviction follows his acquittal on December 10, 1987, of the murders of Karen

Hadaway and Nicola Fellows, both aged nine, in Wild Park near their home on the Moulscroomb Estate, Brighton. His mother, Sylvia Bishop, a dog trainer, said at the time that Bishop had never hurt anyone in his life and added: "He's a lovely kid - he puts himself out and will do anything for anybody."

The crimes became known as the Babes in the Wood murders. Police declined to say last night whether they planned to interview Bishop over those killings, but said that the file remained open for further evidence.

In an open letter, the victim of Bishop's assault at Devil's Dyke, said: "To all my friends, I would like to thank you for all the lovely presents you have given me. I am feeling very well now and all my scratches have gone. I am having a lovely Christmas and I would like to wish you a merry Christmas."

Her parents added in a statement: "We are glad it's all over. The trauma and anxiety of the past months have left us physically and mentally exhausted. We are satisfied that everything possible was done to bring out the just and correct conclusion to the trial."

The impartiality of detectives led by Detective Chief Inspector Tim O'Connor had been questioned in court by Ronald Thwaites, counsel for Bishop. The judge told the chief inspector: "You and the other officers have borne the brunt of very severe criticism. I offer you the commendation of the bench and the gratitude of the public, I am sure, for the solving of this crime."

Chief Insp O'Connor said later: "My reaction is one of satisfaction. No one likes to be called corrupt and incompetent. But it is a sign of the times that when there is no defence you attack the police."

The Devil's Dyke victim is recovering well and has continued to go to school throughout the trial, after giving evidence from behind a screen. WPC Debbie Wood, a member of a special enquiry unit dealing with child abuse cases, visited the girl in hospital. "She was extremely calm, informative and co-operative in speaking about the ordeal," WPC Wood said. "I was very impressed. She is a smashing little girl."

The girl was returning from a corner shop to her home on the Whitehawk Estate, Brighton, when Bishop bundled her into the boot of his stolen Ford Cortina. As she was driven more than ten miles to Devil's Dyke she kept her presence of mind, removing her roller-boots so that she could escape more easily if she got the chance, and hammering on the inside of the boot lid with tools that she had found. When Bishop stopped the car he transferred her into the back then tried to strangle her, leaving her unconscious as he sexually assaulted her.

After coming round, the girl sought help from two passers by. She was naked and crying. After the trial, Lee Hadaway, father of the murdered Karen Hadaway, said: "Perhaps we can now start living our lives again." His wife Michelle added: "Bishop got what he deserved."

RUSSELL Bishop was sentenced in the same dock at Lewes crown court where three years ago he was acquitted of the Babes in the Wood murders (Michael Horsnell writes).

In the latest trial, Ronald Thwaites, QC, Bishop's counsel, set out to imply that police were influenced by their knowledge of the earlier case and claimed that an "evil-minded" policeman could have "stitched up" Bishop.

However, police took extraordinary care to ensure they did not "cross-contaminate" the second case with the first and independent checks on the forensic science evidence by experts called in by the defence could find no fault.

Just two days before Bishop kidnapped the girl aged seven, he followed a girl, aged eight, in his red Ford Cortina, registration number TJN 673W. The eight-year-old and a friend had been trailed by the car a few days before and this time she noted the registration then ran to her home where she wrote down TJN 673.

However, as police ran a computer search for the vehicle, Bishop struck, abducting the seven-year-old on the Whitehawk estate on February 4 - three years to the day after the funerals of the Babes in the Wood murder victims. Bishop was arrested on February 5 and two days later police took the step - unprecedented in criminal cases other than serious fraud - of calling in a leading criminal law barrister, Tudor Owen, to decide whether the suspect should be charged and to help to run the investigation. The success of the enquiry, in effect run jointly by Mr Owen and Detective Chief Inspector Tim O'Connor, head of Brighton CID, may lead to barristers being called in more regularly.

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Russell Bishop, his mother Sylvia Bishop, a well-known dog trainer, and the girls he was acquitted of murdering three years ago: Karen Hadaway (top right) and Nicola Fellows



Enquiry into Yard officer begins

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PETER Nobbs, chief constable of West Yorkshire, was called in by the Home Office and Scotland Yard yesterday to investigate allegations that an assistant commissioner has been involved in improper police work for Asil Nadir, head of the collapsed Polly Peck group.

Wyn Jones, the assistant commissioner involved in the allegations, began leave yesterday and is not expected back at work until the investigation is complete. Mr Jones, aged 47, oversees training and personnel and is the highest ranking officer in the Metropolitan police to be placed under investigation in recent times.

Mr Nobbs was asked to begin the enquiry after Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, studied overnight a report drawn up for Sir John Dellow, the acting commissioner. In a statement the Yard said Mr Baker and Sir John had decided fuller enquiries were needed.

The allegations are understood to have been made by a chief superintendent himself under investigation for contacts with Mr Nadir. Mr Jones is alleged to have been aware of work by Chief Supt Michael McMurray in helping to set up a bodyguard team for Mr Nadir. The assistant commissioner is said to have helped Mr Nadir by vetting prospective employees.

Mr Jones is also alleged to have had contacts with Polly Peck, which emerged after police raids.

Friends of Mr Jones say he strongly denies the charges.

Bishop struck as the police searched for his car

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His conviction was a triumph for Home Office forensic scientists at Aldermaston who spent five months conducting DNA tests on semen and saliva stains that established that there was a chance of only one in 80 million that police had got the

wrong man.

For the two mothers of the Babes in the Wood victims, the latest trial revived harrowing memories of October 1985, when their daughters were strangled. Susan Fellows, aged 41, could not bear to attend the court until the final day - "just to see him sentenced". However, Michelle Hadaway, aged 38, was in the public gallery every day.

Mrs Hadaway, who now lives in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, said: "We exist from day to day. Lee [her husband] bottles everything up inside.

We have never wanted revenge. But we want justice." Mrs Fellows said: "Nicky can now sleep in peace. She is never out of my mind. She was my little angel."

The family is considering legal action. It has been encouraged by the recent Court of Appeal decision in which Gail Halford won a 12-year battle for the right to sue two men she claims killed her teenage daughter. Mrs Fellows also called for the law to be changed so that the prosecution would appeal against a jury's acquittal verdict.

Sonia Sutcliffe out to excite jurors' sympathy, QC says

By ROBIN YOUNG

SONIA Sutcliffe, the wife of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was called in by the High Court yesterday.

George Carman, QC, for the News of the World, made the allegations in opening the newspaper's defence on the ninth day of a libel trial in which Mrs Sutcliffe is seeking damages for an article alleging she had an affair with a Greek tourist company director while on holiday in Greece.

Mr Carman said that Mrs Sutcliffe had sought to excite the jury's sympathy at every opportunity in the witness box, but had shown no sympathy for relatives of her husband's victims. He said that Mrs Sutcliffe's "chilling words" describing his murders as "a humane termination of life" would linger long, and perhaps for ever, in jurors' minds.

Earlier, Mrs Sutcliffe's mother, Maria Szurma, had broken down in tears in the witness box, sobbing that her daughter was "a living victim" of Sutcliffe's crimes. Mrs Szurma was being questioned by Barbara Jones, a journalist,

who is representing herself as a third party in the case.

Miss Jones had asked whether it was not right that mass murder should be publicised. Mrs Szurma said: "I wish the press would leave us for ever in peace. They just keep coming and writing lies. We are just not allowed to live. It has been one long suffering since ever it started."

Mrs Szurma also said: "Sonia is a living victim. As I have said before, I wish she was one of those victims. If she had been dead, she would not be standing here. I just cannot stand it any more."

Eileen Pembroke, Mrs Sut-



Jones: questioned mother of Sonia Sutcliffe

cliffe's solicitor, told Geoffrey Shaw, counsel for Mrs Sutcliffe, that she had no record of having told Mrs Sutcliffe of the amount she had paid into a building society account in her name in December 1988 before Mrs Sutcliffe made a housing benefit application stating her capital as "none".

Mrs Pembroke said that £25,000 received from the Yorkshire Post had been allocated by her to several libel cases against various newspapers. She was not at liberty to remit the money to Mrs Sutcliffe, who had received legal aid in pursuing the case against the Yorkshire Post.

Cross-examined by Mr Carman, Mrs Pembroke described the Yorkshire Post settlement as "chicken feed in terms of all the actions". She said: "You must remember that at that time it was still open season on Mrs Sutcliffe."

Mrs Pembroke agreed that Mrs Sutcliffe had filled the benefit form inaccurately. She told Mr Carman that it would have been safe for her to release £5,000 to Mrs Sutcliffe if it had been asked for.

Mrs Pembroke said she saw Miss Jones as "privotal" to her case, but the journalist had declined to give an affidavit. The case continues today.

Beatrix Potter hunt dispute

By RONALD FAUX

WHAT did Beatrix Potter feel about hunting foxes and unleashing harriers? There are few clues in her will and even fewer in her books, which teach children to care for hedgehogs, rabbits and mice.

The fearful Mr McGregor who made a pie out of Peter Rabbit's dad and incarcerated the Flopsy Bunnies in a sack until rescued by Thomasina Tiddemouse, was the closest Miss Potter came to introducing a human hunter into her stories. The League Against Cruel Sports has, however, been scrutinising her attitudes because it believes that the spirit of her will is being

postponed for two years a stag hunting ban. "We have been tying loose ends together from information received about Beatrix Potter's bequests to the trust," Angela Smith, political officer for the league, said. "Things are happening on her land of which she would not have approved."

The author bequeathed Troutbeck Park Farm to the trust with the stipulation that hunting across the land by other hounds and harriers would be forbidden. This ban, the league believes, makes clear her attitude to such activities. She then left to the trust the 2,600-acre Monk Coniston estate without any

although at the time no hunting took place. The trust now licenses harriers there, which the league sees as an infringement of the spirit of Miss Potter's will. "There is fox hunting, too, at Troutbeck Park and if Beatrix Potter had been aware then of what is known now about fox hunting she would not have allowed it," Miss Smith said.

The trust said, however, that the author followed the Coniston hunt. "It was a part of the natural process of country life at the time." It was wrong of the league to assume that because she wrote children's books about animals her views would be senti-

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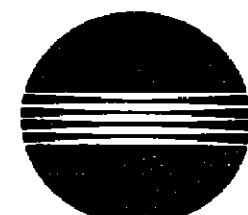
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Baker rejects fears on police

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, told MPs yesterday that he did not accept that there was a fundamental lack of public confidence in the police (Peter Mulligan writes).

Any recent events that might involve a miscarriage of justice should not be underestimated, but only a few officers were concerned.

"It would be quite wrong to condemn the whole of the police service on account of that. There are over 125,000 uniformed police officers working day in and day out on the streets of our cities and they deserve our support."

During the exchanges, Opposition MPs expressed concern at reports of low morale among police officers of all ranks. Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said that the collapse in police morale was "widespread and desperately dangerous".

Mr Baker did not respond directly to that, but criticised Labour-controlled Derbyshire county council which, he said, had starved its police force of resources for eight years. He described last week's report on the police there by Geoffrey Dear, Midlands inspector of constabulary, as "one of the most worrying issued".

Parliament next week

The main business in the Commons next week will be: Monday: Debate on capital punishment on amendments to the Criminal Justice bill.

Tuesday: Atomic Weapons Establishment bill, second reading.

Wednesday: Christmas recess motion and Consolidated Fund bill when a variety of topics can be raised.

Thursday: Christmas adjournment debates on various subjects.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Debate on the Gulf. Tuesday: Gaming (Amendment) bill, third reading. Natural Heritage (Scotland) bill, report.

Wednesday: Debates on Latin America and on homelessness.

Thursday: Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments bill and Caravans (Standard Community Charge and rating) bill, second readings.

Smith stays vague on EC single currency

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith declined yesterday to commit a future Labour government to a single European currency within the five-year lifetime of a parliament as the Opposition outlined the approach it would like Britain to adopt at the European summit starting in Rome today.

Echoing Margaret Thatcher's past and lone refusal among EC leaders to accept a January 1994 deadline for the next stage of monetary union, the shadow chancellor said that progress should not be dictated by "artificial dates that are put in a diary".

Mr Smith argued that the pace of movement towards monetary union, which implies the creation of a single currency, should be largely determined by the degree to which the performance of the economies of the 12 EC states converged over the years ahead.

However, he rejected the government's plan for a "hard ecu" circulating in competition with EC currencies. It was not clear whether the government saw its proposed common currency as an alternative to a single currency or a quick way of achieving it, Mr Smith said.

At the summit, John Major will try to persuade his EC partners to put the "hard ecu" plan on the agenda for the inter-governmental conference on economic and monetary union (EMU).

The shadow chancellor was speaking at a Westminster press conference at which Labour sought to present itself as adopting a more constructive attitude to European integration than the Conservatives.

Roy Hattersley, Labour deputy leader, said that Mr Major was going to Rome ill equipped to represent Britain's best interests. The prime minister's policy towards the Community was shrouded in his customary grey mist.

However, Mr Smith's remarks, in which he also disagreed with Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the German Bundesbank, over arrangements for a European central bank and expressed reservations about this week's Madrid communiqué issued by

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socialist leaders including Neil Kinnock, underlined the Opposition's hesitancy about closer European integration.

The leadership's tentative moves towards a more pro-European position are under fierce attack from a minority of Labour backbenchers led by Peter Shore, the former cabinet minister, who has accused it of playing the old European game of subscribing to the rhetoric in the belief that in the event nothing will happen.

Mr Hattersley said that Mr Shore had been wrong for a long time about Europe, but he did not intend to enter into a public argument with him.

Mr Smith denied that his insistence on a "substantial convergence" in economic performance among the 12 EC states amounted to an attempt to delay the advent of a single currency or a central bank.

"It most certainly is not and it is not seen as that," he said. "It is a better way of achieving it than by setting an arbitrary timetable and saying that by the first of January at such and such a date we will be assumed to have reached such a level."

Asked if such convergence would take place in the lifetime of a future Labour government, Mr Smith said: "I do not believe one should make these commitments. We must work ceaselessly to get our (economic) standards up."

Mr Smith and Mr Hattersley both made clear that the touchstone of Labour's European policy was the statement agreed by the national executive and not the Madrid communiqué. Mr Hattersley said the NEC paper was "sovereign".

The Madrid document acknowledges that full EMU will require budgetary responsibility among member states. It says that that could be achieved by laying down general rules for the financial basis of member state budgets.

But Mr Smith made clear that he would not be happy with such rigid arrangements. Labour favoured a looser approach. "It means regular discussions between the finance ministers to coordinate policies towards growth."



Smith: progress should not be dictated by "artificial dates that are put in a diary"

Bank governor under pressure to appear

By ROBERT MORGAN AND PETER MULLIGAN

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, came under strong pressure in the Commons last night to give evidence to the Commons select committee investigating the Harrods takeover.

Members of the trade and industry select committee expressed clear dissatisfaction with his refusal to give evidence to aid their investigation into the takeover of Harrods and the House of Fraser by the Fayed brothers.

One of them, Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, said that the governor should consider his position.

Kenneth Warren, chairman of the committee and Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, speaking in a debate on City regulation, said that the governor had had since March to consider appearing.

It was high time that he responded on the worrying matter of whether the Harrods bank and its directors, includ-

ing the Fayed, were trading in the proper manner under the requirements of the Banking Act.

Mr Maxwell-Hyslop said that the governor "has declined either to justify his inaction or to report his action to the committee... I think he ought to call into consideration his occupancy of that office."

The governor's duties, he added, included overseeing whether persons running a bank or controlling it were fit and proper.

"How it can be held that somebody who has lied in a major degree to government inspectors is a fit and proper person to control the Harrods bank passes my understanding."

Mr Warren discounted the governor's fears that he would face prosecution under the Banking Act by revealing confidential information to a parliamentary committee. His advice was that he would be protected by parliamentary privilege.

Anthony Nelson, Conservative MP for Chichester, said that the inspectors' report on the House of Fraser and the committee's report seemed to have been summarily dismissed by the government. He was one of several MPs who did not want to see the matter whitewashed. They would not let the matter go away and quietly be forgotten.

Mr Maxwell-Hyslop said that the "pyramid enterprise" of Harrods was in debt to the weakest of the three great banks of this country whose

Poll tax burden on the sick and old reduced

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government made further changes to the community charge yesterday aimed at reducing the burden on old and sick people and cutting the payments of people whose homes are provided by their employers.

Agricultural workers, the clergy and members of the armed services who live in homes provided by their employers and also own a property will be charged only half the personal community charge.

As the government conducts a fundamental review of the charge, Michael Portillo announced a series of new regulations that will ease the burden on people whose home is left empty.

Mr Portillo, the local government minister, said: "Many people will benefit financially from these changes which mean that they will face either no charge or half the rate of the personal community charge on certain types of empty property".

The changes announced

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mean that nobody will be liable for the community charge for the first six months after grant of probate or letters of administration where the person liable to the charge is acting as a personal representative. Under the previous regulations, the charge was liable after three months.

A person who enters a hospital or nursing home but does not sell his or her home will no longer have to pay the charge. The new regulations also mean that a person who because of old age, illness or disablement, has to leave his own home to be cared for elsewhere by a friend or relative will not pay the charge; nor will a carer who has to move from his own home to look after an elderly person.

Someone who has an empty property awaiting sale after repossession by a mortgage lender will not pay the charge and neither will people who have self-contained premises that it would be difficult to let separately.

In the Commons, the prime minister was pressed to announce an immediate change to community charge legislation to help those on low incomes. John Major promised that a statement on the future of the charge would be made in due course when the government had ended its examination of the whole question of the community charge.

Criticising Opposition MPs who are refusing to pay their community charge, Mr Major told a Labour MP who had demanded help for those on low incomes: "A very large number of people are eligible for a very substantial rebate system. You would make a good start if you could persuade some of your (Labour) friends to pay their community charge."

MPs may soon be able to go indoors

By JOHN LEWIS

THE sight of windswept MPs huddled under umbrellas outside the Commons while they give interviews may soon disappear from television.

The Commons broadcasting select committee has ordered a search for 2,000-3,000 square feet for a studio and new control room to govern televising of the Commons, Lords and committees.

The recent leadership contest, with the BBC and ITV setting up an outside broadcast "village" on College Green opposite the Lords, has underscored the need.

Now that MPs have voted for permanent televising of the Commons, the select com-

mittee believes that they should no longer have to huddle under umbrellas on College Green in bad weather while they are being interviewed. There has also been anxiety that the outside broadcast facilities are not secure.

In its search for a control room and interview studio, the select committee is looking at a site over the central lobby at Westminster, in the Treasury building basement in George Street or in stage one of the new parliamentary building in Bridge Street, where the St Stephen's Tavern stood before redevelopment. The central lobby site would be most popular.



Study of remand policy on boys

The Home Office is reviewing remand accommodation for boys aged 15 and 16; John Patten, minister of state, told the Commons that he hopes to announce a decision before or soon after Christmas.

He was replying to a question by Labour spokesman, Joan Lessor, who said that the House and country had been shocked at the suicide of Phillip Knight at Swansea prison. She said that boys should not be put in adult prisons.

BBC licence fee move

The home secretary, is hoping to make a statement about the future of the BBC licence fee in January, MPs were told at question time. Peter Lloyd, Home Office under secretary, said that Price Waterhouse, the chartered accountants, had been asked to advise on how the licence fee could be raised by less than the rise in the retail price index.

Hooligan law

When parliamentary time allows, legislation will be introduced to implement recommendations for curbing soccer hooligans that were contained in the report by Lord Justice Taylor on the Hillsborough stadium disaster, Peter Lloyd, Home Office minister, said.

Drugs unit

A Europe-wide drugs intelligence unit is likely to be set up to share information on drug trafficking in EC countries as well as central European nations and the Soviet Union, John Patten, Home Office minister, said.

Jail report

The report of the Woolf enquiry into the Strangeways prison riot is expected to be published early in the new year, Angela Rumbold, Home Office minister, said.

Cricket plan

The Sports Council is working on detailed initiatives for promoting cricket among young people in partnership with cricket clubs, Robert Atkins, minister for sport, said.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on government's progress on economic and environmental issues in the developing world.

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Bills face long, perilous, journey

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ANDREW Faulds wants bigger fines for shopowners who sell cigarettes to children under sixteen.

Rosie Barnes wants victims of medical negligence to be entitled to compensation without proving negligence by the National Health Service. Michael Woodcock wants the ban on televising court proceedings lifted and Conal Gregory is trying to ensure that every home is fitted with a domestic smoke alarm by 1994.

As backbench MPs they were among the top 20 drawn in the ballot for private members' bills, giving them the rare opportunity to promote legislation in the Commons and steer a bill through Parliament.

Early next year each MP's bill will be set down for a second reading, although the single word "object", probably uttered by a nameless government whip, may be enough to kill the measure. However, those measures finding favour with the government will be provided with encouragement, including assistance from the parliamentary draftsman, to help them clear the legislative hurdles.

The Home Office is expected to give broad backing to a bill that seeks to increase the penalties from a maximum £400 to £2,000 for those convicted of selling tobacco to people under 16. Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, topped the ballot with the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) bill.

The measure also provides for a ban on the sale of tobacco to under-16s from vending machines, the selling of individual cigarettes to under-16s and prohibits some tobacco advertising. He has won cross-party support by Des Wilson, the campaigner, the Royal College of Nursing and the British Medical Association. Ministers are likely to oppose increasing to £2,000 the maximum penalty for selling cigarettes to under-16s, although in the Criminal Justice bill, at present in committee, the maximum figure for a level three fine will rise from £400 to £1,000.

Sir Richard Body, scourge of big



Sir Richard Body: wants to make life better for breeding sows

farmers and the National Farmers' Union, will try through his Pig Husbandry bill to make life a little better for breeding sows.

A long-time opponent of intensive farming, Sir Richard's bill would stop the use of neck and girth tethers on expectant sows and ban breeding sows from being kept in crates that prevent them from turning round. The ban would become effective in five years.

Conservative and Labour MPs supporting the National Health Service (Compensation) bill, sponsored by Rosie Barnes, independent Social Democrat MP for Greenwich, will face strong government opposition. The most contentious bill in the list, it would allow victims of medical mistakes or the side effects of drugs or faulty equipment to claim compensation without proving negligence on the part of the health service. It would create a medical injury compensation board that would be able to hear complaints and make compensation and instigate legal action against a third party such as a drug company.

An attempt to ensure that people have greater information about the

safety of public buildings is being promoted in the Public Service Information bill, sponsored by John Bowis, Conservative MP for Battersea. He has won cross-party support for legislation that would force the owner of a public building to notify the local authority of any safety hazard within 14 days of its being discovered. In another 14 days, the local council would have to put a notice about the hazard at the public entrance to the building.

Legislation to protect badger sets is to be introduced by Roy Hughes, Labour MP for Newport East, while Michael Woodcock wants to remove the ban on televising proceedings in court.

The prohibition on filming court proceedings was included in the 1925 Criminal Justice Act and Mr Woodcock's Courts (Research) bill would allow proceedings to be televised for an experimental period. The measure would also end the legal ban on approaching jurors to discover the discussion in the jury room and the way in which decisions are reached. It would enable research to be undertaken on trial by jury.

John Butcher's Estate Agents (Property Misdemeanours) bill aims to penalise estate agents who include distortions in the details of properties sent to prospective purchasers.

Mr Butcher, Conservative MP for Coventry South West, said: "It is an anachronism and anomaly that estate agents' description of domestic properties are not caught by the Trade Descriptions Act, 1968, which applies to the generality of goods and services sold by shops and other businesses."

With the first eight measures in the list generally believed to have the best chance of becoming law, Conal Gregory hopes that he will achieve his ambition of making it compulsory for every home to have a domestic smoke alarm by April 1, 1994. Mr Gregory's Domestic Smoke Alarms bill is number eight on the list, has support from Labour and Conservative MPs, Help the Aged, the National Housing and Town Planning Council and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Study of Demand Policy on Boys

Unemployment hit hard among male, manual, semi-skilled workers in manufacturing industries in the North, Scotland and the Midlands.

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In the new year he is setting up a mail order fashion business, using capital from his redundancy payment. Meanwhile, he is still coming to terms with relative poverty. "I still drink whisky and champagne, but I go for cheaper brands. I can't afford the car phone any more; it is being taken out today."

As long as companies were convinced that the recession would only be mild, such arguments inhibiting labour-shedding were justifiable. With growing fears that the recession will be

Behind the latest increase is a squeeze on company profits, which has increased in severity as the economy moves into recession. Unable to raise prices because of disappearing demand, firms have turned to shedding

Inflation is forecast to drop sharply by the end of next year, falling to below 6 per cent late next autumn. If earnings continue to track inflation, a key inflationary pressure will ease.



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Strategic arms treaty in sight as Moscow makes concessions

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE United States and Soviet Union have agreed a remarkable package of "trade-offs" this week in the search for a deal on reducing strategic weapons. The deal will exclude Britain's Trident system from treaty limits and allow American inspectors to monitor Soviet factories producing SS24 and SS25 mobile missiles.

Although there are about 30 highly technical points outstanding before a strategic arms reduction treaty can be signed, both sides are now confident that an agreement will be reached in time for the summit between President Bush and President Gorbachev next February.

According to sources, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, produced some late concessions before leaving Washington where he had met President Bush. American officials have not had time to make a proper assessment of the concessions, but the details of the agreement that emerged yesterday show that the Americans have achieved nearly all their objectives.

One of the most important agreements is that the Soviet Union will have to cut its nuclear missile throw-weight — the total amount of deliverable destructive power, currently standing at five million megatons — by 50 per cent. The Americans, with a lower throw-weight, will have to reduce theirs by a much smaller amount.

For the British government, the most reassuring aspect of the deal is that Trident, the American missile that is to replace Polaris, will be excluded from a START agreement. The Russians have accepted that Britain's new deterrent will not affect the strategic balance. One American source said: "The US/UK nuclear co-operation programme will not be affected by START. The British government has every reason to be satisfied with this."

For the Americans, the most important part of the deal is the agreement by the Soviet Union to reduce its 308 SS18 missiles, the largest in its strategic arsenal, by a full 50 per cent. However, as a trade-off, the Americans have had to drop their demand for a limit on test flights of the SS18. The aim was to prevent the Russians from modernising the system. "There will be no quota in test flights but there will be some limits on modernisation," one source said.

The overall reduction in ballistic missiles will only be 30 per cent, not 50 per cent as had first been agreed between former President Reagan and President Gorbachev. But the 50 per cent cut



Shevardnadze made late concessions

follow-on negotiations to reduce strategic systems will be far less complex. "Start 1 will be a permanent legislative framework for subsequent negotiations," the source said.

Among the technical details still to be resolved are the finer points of the inspection regimes which will safeguard against cheating. The Americans have been anxious to have special perimeter monitoring facilities outside the Soviet factories producing the SS24 and SS25 missiles. As these are mobile

systems, there is greater scope for concealment. Soviet missile production is also different from the American system and it was considered vital that both the SS24 and the SS25 factories should be monitored.

After the talks in Houston between James Baker, the US secretary of state, and Mr Shevardnadze, it has been agreed in principle that the Americans should be able to set up permanent monitoring facilities outside the factories. The Russians will be able to do the same outside the American MX missile factory.

The treaty to be signed next February will have two separate declarations attached, which will give assurances on submarine-launched cruise missiles and the Soviet Backfire bomber. The Backfire is an intermediate-range bomber. The Soviet Union has agreed to promise in a declaration that it will not try to turn the Backfire into a strategic bomber.

Washington, meanwhile, was taking stock yesterday in the wake of the non-stop diplomacy that also saw the US offer the Soviet Union food aid on a scale not seen since the Second World War.

Mr Bush's decision to send aid to Moscow was generally welcomed in Congress and elsewhere, but it was widely perceived as an attempt to shore up President Gorbachev and there was some unease about investing so much in one beleaguered and unpopular leader.

A senior official also acknowledged that the administration was seriously concerned by signs of growing authoritarianism in Moscow and that Mr Baker had been given assurances by Mr Shevardnadze that there would be no crackdown on basic freedoms in the Soviet Union.



Walking advertisement: boutique owners and shopkeepers in Budapest have revived sandwich boards to publicise their wares, including Soviet army uniforms. The multilingual approach is designed to attract Western tourists visiting the Hungarian capital

Kremlin replaces general in Germany

Berlin — The Kremlin has appointed a 55-year-old army colonel-general, Marvey Burlakov, to pull its 380,000 troops out of united Germany by 1994 (Reuter reports).

He replaces General Boris Smetkov as commander-in-chief of the Western Group of Soviet Forces, one of the top jobs in the Soviet military.

"Burlakov will arrive in the next few days and Smetkov will leave before the New Year," said a Soviet army spokesman at group headquarters in Wunsdorf, south of Berlin.

Diplomats said General Burlakov had proved himself to be an able organiser as commander of Soviet forces in Hungary during their withdrawal.

He is one of the last senior officers who fought in the second world war.

Land reform plan

Prague — Czechoslovakia's government yesterday proposed a land reform scheme that will allow millions of people to reclaim land confiscated since the Communist push of February 1948. The bill will also prohibit the sale of land to foreign individuals and companies, and will permit landowners to withdraw their land from co-operative farms.

Bonn road tax

Bonn — All road users in Germany, including foreign tourists, are likely to have to pay an annual toll of DM 100 (£35) from early next year to raise money needed to maintain roads and railways. Lorries and buses face a levy of up to DM 1,000. The toll is being discussed by the three coalition parties negotiating a programme for the next government.

Schluter holds on

Copenhagen — Negotiations began on forming a new Danish government after Wednesday's election saw record gains for the opposition Social Democrats but pointed to the continuation of the minority coalition under Poul Schluter. His 2½-year-old Conservative-Liberal-Radical coalition won 66 seats in the 179-seat Folketing, a loss of only one seat.

Kiev strike fails

Kiev — A general strike called to coincide with the opening of the Communist party's two-day congress in Kiev ended in almost total failure yesterday. All main military and civil factories in the city and its surrounding province continued working, although there was patchy support for the action, organised by the city's anti-communist strike committee.

Threat of arrest for pastor who defied Ceausescu

By GABRIEL RONAY

THE Protestant pastor whose challenge to Nicolae Ceausescu triggered last year's revolution in Romania has become the object of a hate campaign and faces arrest for allegedly "organising a second revolution to topple the Iliescu regime".

Just days before the first anniversary of the Romanian revolution, Vasile Vacaru, the Senate caucus leader of the ruling National Salvation Front, accused the Right Rev Laszlo Tokes, Bishop of Oradea, the hero of the moral resistance to communism,

of "anti-state and anti-national activities" and demanded the institution of criminal proceedings against him and his arrest. "Laszlo Tokes, a citizen of Romania, in his statements abroad has infringed the legal order of the country and has incited (his followers) to stage public disturbances," Mr Vacaru told parliament in Bucharest.

His demand for the bishop's arrest was repeated by Bucharest radio in every newscast throughout last Wednesday, indicating that Mr Vacaru's allegations form part of a wider, government-supported campaign. The bishop,

an ethnic Hungarian from Transylvania, returned to Romania last week after four months in hospital following a car crash in Hungary. He described Mr Vacaru's call for a criminal investigation as "simply fantastic". He added in a telephone interview from Oradea: "I feel threatened. But it is not only myself and my family who are under threat, but the achievements of Timisoara and the entire December revolution."

In a subsequent formal statement, which he sent abroad, he categorically denied all the charges, which he described as "a

diversionary move and a provocation" by the authorities timed for the revolution's first anniversary.

The statement went on: "I have not committed any acts against the legal order of our country, or offended the state or nation. Similarly baseless are the allegations carried by a wide circle of hostile Romanian newspapers."

The bishop said hate-filled articles in newspapers had variously described him as being a CIA agent, a traitor to Romania, a Transylvanian irredentist, or a paid agent of both the former Hungarian and Romanian secret services. He added: "I should like

to draw the attention of public opinion in Romania and abroad to the fact that for months now I have been the object of a crude press hate campaign, organised from the background, in which certain high-ranking officials, deputies and senators are clearly involved. The intention is to liquidate me."

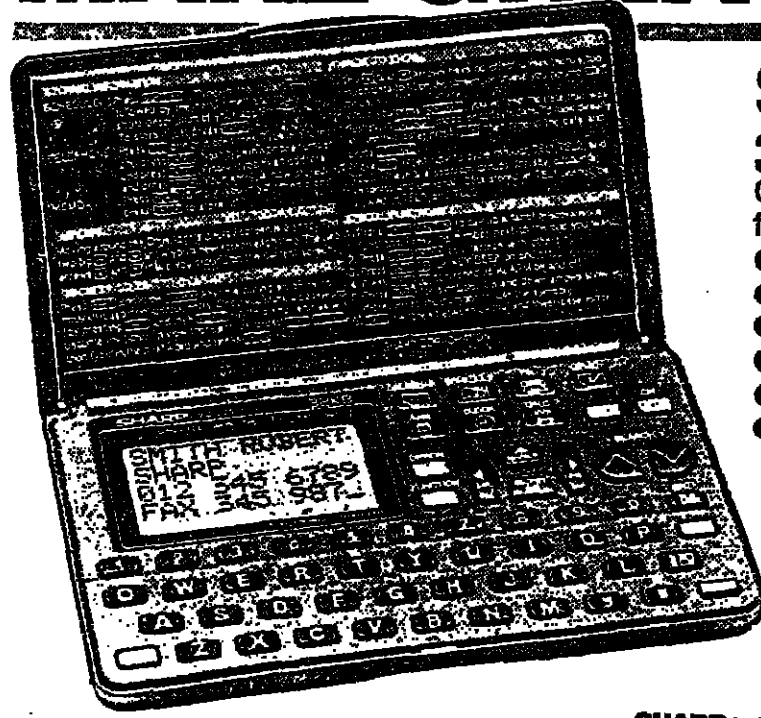
He said a close relation had become the victim of a knife attack, a former Timisoara aide of his had been attacked by thugs and was now in hospital and the walls and gates of his bishop's residence were regularly vandalised and covered in abusive graffiti.

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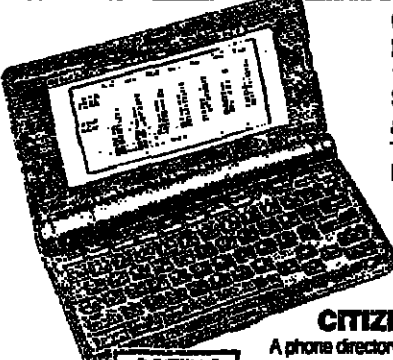
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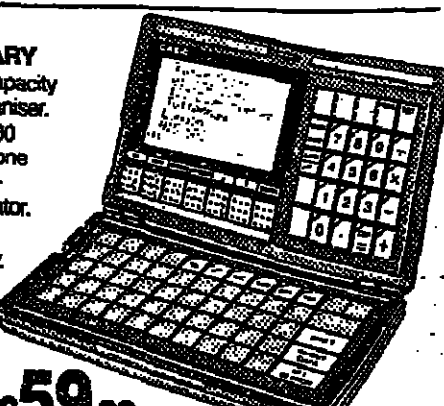
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Political row follows death of top French terrorist judge

THE suicide of a prominent investigating magistrate who had been at the heart of France's anti-terrorist campaign has sparked off an ugly political confrontation here.

Within hours of yesterday's news that Gilles Bouloque had shot himself at his home in Paris, the mainstream conservative opposition had begun an angry campaign against what it claims was a deliberate campaign by the Socialist government to destroy his professional reputation and drive him out of the job.

While first reports suggested that M Bouloque, aged 40, had not left any message that might explain his death, it was widely believed that the severe strain to which his onerous, extremely risky, position had exposed him was a crucial factor.

Police sources said he had quarrelled with his wife after returning home from an exhibition of paintings and then shot himself in the head using a pistol he carried for protection against terrorist attacks.

An expert in Middle East guer-

rilla movements, Bouloque had led the investigations into the wave of bomb attacks on public places in Paris in 1986 by a suspected Iranian-backed Islamic extremist network, which left 13 people dead and more than 100 badly injured.

Earlier, in 1984, he investigated an attempt to kill the United States consul-general in Strasbourg.

At the time of his death, Bouloque was investigating the possible French connections of pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas, detained in Spain last year with a large quantity of explosives, apparently intended for a series of attacks in Western Europe.

In particular, observers here have cited the controversial aftermath of his handling of the dossier involving Wahid Gerdji, then an employee of the Iranian embassy in Paris, suspected of terrorist offences, linked to the 1986 bombings, as a possible reason for his suicide.

Wahid Gerdji was one of the magistrate's prime suspects. Officially a translator but with a wide

A "deliberate campaign" by the Socialist government to destroy the reputation of a leading magistrate has been blamed for his suicide, writes Philip Jacobson

circle of "useful" friends, the Iranians refused to produce him for interrogation and the so-called "war of the embassies" began in 1987 with French police surrounding the Iranian embassy from where Mr Gerdji refused to emerge and the Iranians retaliating by laying siege to the French embassy in Tehran, trapping the diplomats inside.

A settlement was eventually reached under which, it is generally believed, France's then conservative government agreed to allow Mr Gerdji to leave the embassy and the country providing he agreed first to be available for questioning.

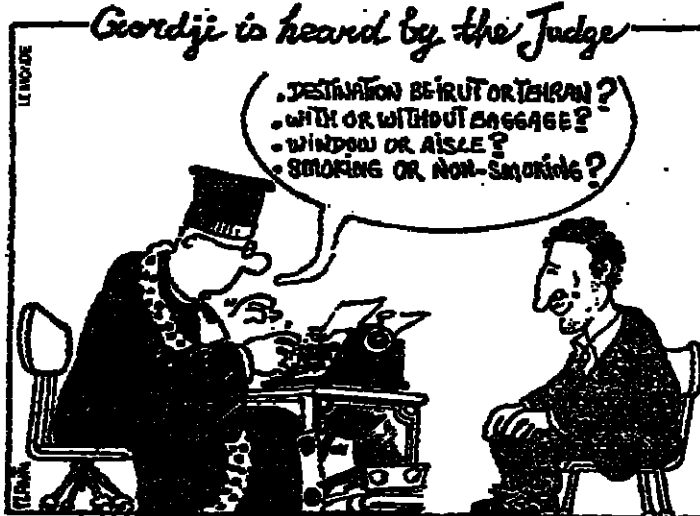
In the highly-complicated transactions at the time, it was rumoured that the subsequent release of some French hostages held in Lebanon might have been connected.

In November 1987, after a brief encounter with M Bouloque, he



Bouloque travelled in armoured-plated vehicles

took a plane back to Tehran. A cruel, heavily publicised cartoon in *Le Monde* summed up public reaction to what was widely seen as a cynical exercise in expediency, with M Bouloque depicted in his robes of office, "interrogating" the suspected terrorist simply about his choice of seat on the plane: "window or aisle?" "smok-



Plant's *Le Monde* cartoon of Bouloque and Gerdji

ing or non-smoking?" and so on. The Gerdji affair subsequently became a hot potato in the French presidential election campaign, with the two leading candidates, President Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac, France's prime minister during the bombings, clashing over conflicting allegations of being soft on terrorism.

To his dismay, M Bouloque went from being the highly-intelligent judge who had helped eventually to bring some of those involved in the bombings to trial, to being increasingly caught up in the row as stories about him submitting to political pressure from this side or that began to appear in the French press. He

responded by taking legal action against *Le Monde* and other newspapers.

A tall, athletic figure who was often seen on French television in the middle of a squad of heavily armed bodyguards, M Bouloque uncomplainingly accepted his dangerous position. Faced with personal threats from dedicated and accomplished terrorists, he usually carried a gun and travelled everywhere in armoured-plated vehicles.

In a terse statement yesterday, M Chirac paid homage to M Bouloque's personal courage and integrity. It was left to his former interior minister, the combative Charles Pasqua, to assault the Socialist government for failing to support "this victim of duty, of ministerial indifference and of the ingratitude of the state".

One of the main associations of French magistrates passed a harsher verdict, claiming that "governmental and journalistic networks" should examine their own responsibility for M Bouloque's death. In a message of condolence to his family, Henri Nallet, the present minister of justice, indicated that a "personal drama" was behind the tragedy.

Albania uses troops to quell city protesters

FROM REUTERS IN VIENNA

POLICE and troops clashed with demonstrators in the Albanian city of Shkoder yesterday after they attacked Communist party and government buildings, Tirana radio said.

Security forces were ordered in after "hooligans" armed with iron bars threw stones at district party and government buildings and attacked the local radio station. The radio report, monitored by the BBC, came a day after President Alia appealed for calm as communist Albania's moved towards democracy.

Shkoder is located about 80 miles north of Tirana. The radio said the district police chief, a policeman and another official were injured by "elements wielding iron bars". The report also suggested that party activists had taken to the streets to oppose the demonstrators.

"In order to oppose these acts, citizens of Shkoder, workers, communists, and other working people, took to the streets. Nevertheless, the hooligans persisted in their behaviour," the radio said. "In order to reimpose order and calm in the city and to defend government and social institutions, the forces of public order and the army came into action."

"Today's events in Shkoder show that, despite the warnings issued by comrade Ramiz Alia ... there are certain dark forces which seek

to destabilise the situation in the country."

It was not clear from the Albanian radio report whether the army was forced to open fire, and there was no immediate indication whether the situation had quietened and the unrest had ended.

Reports throughout this year have spoken of anti-communist unrest in Shkoder. The radio bulletin was the first confirmation that Shkoder was a trouble spot and the first to record use of troops to quell unrest.

One report in January said a statue of Stalin in the city was toppled.

President Alia appealed in a national address for calm on Wednesday night hours after tens of thousands of Albanians massed in the capital, Tirana, to form the country's first independent political party in 45 years of Communist rule.

The president, who steered reforms allowing multi-party democracy through the Communist party's central committee, told listeners that democracy "should not be viewed as a liberation from all forms of political morality".

He added: "If such ideas and forms of behaviour increase and spread, the danger will arise of the country's destabilisation and descent into anarchy."

● **BELGRADE:** As Albanian students continued their demonstrations in workers from the factories of Tirana yesterday came out in support of the students (Dessa Trevisan writes).

Security police guarding public buildings, including television and radio, have been reinforced in the capital, according to witnesses.

The students, who have already obtained big concessions from the authorities, continue to press their demands for full university autonomy, as well as for guarantees that the democratic changes would not be limited or stopped.

A conference of the Albanian Communist party has been hastily convened for December 26 and dismissals of government ministers and party officials are expected to follow within the next few days.

Witnesses describe the atmosphere in Tirana as a mixture of fear and popular jubilation after the first concession from the regime.



Quake devastation: Sicilian villagers in Carlestanti surveying the damage after an earthquake wrecked their homes and cars yesterday. At least 14 people were killed and hundreds injured when the tremor, measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale, struck the eastern part of the island (Paul Bompard writes from Rome).

The quake was felt all along the island's east coast but Carlestanti, about 20 miles southwest of Catania, was hardest hit. Three blocks of flats

collapsed; nine bodies have been found and more people are believed to be still buried under the rubble. Buildings were seriously damaged in other towns, and at least two elderly people died of heart attacks as a result of the earthquake.

The ground shook violently for 45 seconds at 1.24 am local time yesterday. A survivor said that "it seemed to go on forever". Thousands of Sicilians spent the rest of the night in their cars. Italy's national seismologi-

cal institute put the quake's epicentre at about six miles off the historic port of Syracuse.

Five tremors were felt in quick succession over a large part of Sicily and authorities estimated the total damage at £230 million.

All through yesterday rescue teams, hampered by rain and bitter winds, searched through the wreckage of the three modern buildings in Carlestanti. The town's older houses survived the tremor.

History at odds with Jaruzelski

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

POLAND, in limbo between two very different presidents, yesterday solemnly marked the ninth anniversary of the introduction of martial law. The historical irony was obvious: Lech Walesa, as Solidarity leader the main symbolic victim of that era, is shortly to replace General Wojciech Jaruzelski, his jailer.

"Let history judge Jaruzelski," said the daily *Gazeta Wyborcza*. "Let history judge all of us."

The general himself is convinced even today that he effectively saved Poland by suspending, and later outlawing Solidarity, and internment more than 5,000 of its sympathisers. His Council of National Salvation - a group of generals co-operating with avowedly socialist reformers - cut off telephones, gave sweeping powers to military courts, mobilised thousands of riot troops, imposed strict censorship and banned several organisations.

He told the Italian newspaper *La Stampa*: "If I had not done it, I would have borne responsibility for later events, for tragedy which among other things would have delayed for many years the appearance of Mikhail Gorbachev and the end of the

Cold War." He was referring to the threat of a Soviet invasion. His main spokesman, Wlodzimierz Lotzinski, says that in November 1981 the general was invited by Marshal Victor Kulikov, Warsaw Pact commander-in-chief, to visit Soviet troops in Poland.

But their plane landed instead on Soviet territory. In a saloon car at a siding on a railway station, Yuri Andropov, the then KGB chief, was waiting with the Kremlin's chief ideologist, Mikhail Suslov. "We wouldn't want to be forced to help you," the Polish general was told, "but the Soviet Union cannot accept the idea of Poland switching systems."

This will be the general's historic defence. In a farewell address to Poles this week he admitted many errors, but none of these errors - unspecified - related to imposing martial law. He was convinced that unless the Polish leadership regained control over the pace of change from Solidarity, the Soviet Union would invade. Yet interior ministry researchers have not found any evidence of Soviet war preparations and most of the relevant documents have been shredded.

Emergency in the Caucasus region

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN TBILISI

A STATE of emergency has been declared in Tskhinvali, the capital of the autonomous region of South Ossetia in Georgia, following the shooting of a policeman and two interior ministry employees. The killings followed a declaration on Tuesday by the Georgian supreme council abolishing the territory's autonomy.

A Soviet military spokesman described the situation in the area, which has a mixed Ossete and Georgian population, as extremely delicate, and warned of the danger of "a new Nagorno-Karabagh".

This confrontation has serious implications for the future of the ethnically-divided Georgian republic and for the course of its separation from the Soviet Union, planned by the new Georgian government of Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

According to a Georgian government spokesman the three men were shot by Ossete Nationalist extremists on Wednesday evening while driving passed the Communist party headquarters in Tskhinvali. Three other people were wounded, one seriously.

A state of emergency was

immediately declared in the city and the territory's second town, Dzhaba, by the Georgian supreme council. It is being implemented by troops of the Soviet interior ministry, which are in control of the area.

The Georgian government is demanding that Georgian police and interior ministry troops should also be involved in the operation. A spokesman said that this is necessary to ensure what he called "even handed" behaviour. He accused the Soviet interior ministry troops of patrolling only the Georgian inhabited areas of the territory.

Impelled by developments in South Ossetia, the Georgian supreme council last week passed a Draconian law giving it the right to establish a state of emergency. The law allows that, "in especially dangerous areas", the entire population can be told to move to another area.

After coming to power last month, Mr Gamsakhurdia promised that his government would not annul the autonomy of South Ossetia, or of Abkhazia and Abkhazia.

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Teutonic efficiency snowed up

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

BRITAIN'S commuters can take heart. They are not alone. German trains are running later and later. They were especially bad at timekeeping during the recent sudden spell of bad winter weather. Yesterday one of them disappeared with 30 passengers on board.

According to Deutschen Bundesbahn's own statistics only 65 out of every 100 trains in Germany nowadays arrive within five minutes of the time in timetables. During the bad weather this week only 41 trains per 100 reached their destination on time.

Yesterday one express between Frankfurt and Stuttgart failed to get through at all. In the snowy Odenwald, some five miles north of the Neckar Valley, the driver was stopped by a tree across the line. The telephone line had been cut by the bad weather, so the guard set off on foot for help.

He had barely trudged off when a relief engine arrived and, instead of towing the train back, the crew sawed up the tree so that the express could move on. A few hundred yards further on, however, another tree had fallen. The train stopped again.

Meanwhile, back in Frankfurt, the regional office had alerted the police who sent up a helicopter to search for the train. It was not there. By then the crew had given up and the train had been driven back to the nearest station. The passengers were given a free lunch and went on their way by a different route.

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Resistance myth challenged

By PHILIP JACOBSON

THE enduring myth that most French were solidly united in resistance to the German occupation has come under close scrutiny in a film just released here. Challenging the comfortable assumption that only a tiny minority of traitors were involved in the Vichy regime's collaboration with the nazis, it focuses on the period when a systematic, often brutal, settling of accounts was taking place throughout France.

Directed by Claude Berri, *Uranus* is set in a small village which comes under the control of communist resistance fighters at the height of the *épuration*, or purge, that began shortly before the liberation and continued into 1945. Estimates of the number of French killed by various resis-

tance groups vary wildly, but at least 10,000 executions are believed to have taken place. Victims of summary justice included collaborators and members of fascist organisations, civil servants and those who served in the nazi militia.

M Berri's film, adapted from a novel by Marcel Aymé, poses questions that the French have always preferred to leave unanswered. Without offering any sweeping moral judgements, it subtly undermines the national amnesia, reminding audiences that a great many villages in France at the time contained ordinary people who, in M Berri's phrase, were "neither monsters nor heroes".

With one or two notable exceptions, French films have

always shied away from the intensely sensitive issue of how many actually fought the Germans, how many collaborated with them, how many people simply kept their heads down and tried to stay out of trouble. The most reliable estimates suggest there were some 400,000 "active" fighters, or about 2 per cent of the wartime adult population.

As for collaboration, however defined, French records show that some two million men and women were affected by various measures taken during the *épuration*.

Early reactions to *Uranus* have been mixed, with historians of the era generally approving while French communists fume about the "unworthy" depiction of their resistance heroes.

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Iraq trains citizens in civil defence as diplomacy founders

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ, showing no sign that it will pull out of Kuwait by the United Nations deadline which is just a month away, yesterday announced it had set up hundreds of civil defence training centres to prepare the population for war.

Diplomatic efforts, meanwhile, were foundering with Iraq and the United States unable to agree on a date for direct talks while the latest Arab mediator, President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, reportedly cancelled a visit to Saudi Arabia.

The Iraqi news agency said that 370 civil defence training centres had been set up in Baghdad alone to instruct the people in firefighting, first aid and other skills to "avoid human and material losses during emergency operations". For the last two weeks nightly programmes on Baghdad television have shown viewers how to put on gas masks and how to cope with bomb blasts and there have been several evacuation rehearsals in Baghdad.

Hundreds of government employees are shown assiduously attending civil defence

courses while senior government officials have been touring the country to educate the people on the hazards they may face. Landlords who own buildings with two or more floors have been ordered to convert their basements into bomb shelters, or face fines or imprisonment.

The Iraqi people became used to civil defence measures during the eight-year war with Iran, which in its later stages involved long-range missile attacks on cities. Even this would be little preparation for the massive aerial bombing of Baghdad predicted by military analysts if the multinational forces are ordered to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

Some Iraqis saw the civil defence preparations as an elaborate ploy by the authorities to prepare the ground for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. "It's a psychological game to make the people believe war is imminent, so when Saddam Hussein announces a pull-out from Kuwait, the people will be so relieved they won't question the move," said an Iraqi exile who is in daily contact with

his family in Baghdad by telephone. "My parents say most people aren't taking the civil defence measures seriously because they don't think it will come to war," he said. "After Bush offered direct talks, they're sure a compromise is being worked out."

Those talks appeared deadlocked yesterday because of continued squabbling over their timing. Iraq denounced the United States for rejecting its proposed date for peace talks in Baghdad and accused President Bush of wanting the talks only as a public relations exercise for domestic consumption before war.

A foreign ministry spokesman in Baghdad said it would set the date for the American Secretary of State, James Baker, to go to Baghdad while Iraq had no objection to Washington setting the time for Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to go to the United States. "Iraq is the one that fixes the suitable dates for the visit and meeting with its president and the United States has the right to do the same," the Iraqi news agency said.



Eyes right: a Franciscan monk glancing at two Israeli soldiers as they cross Manger Square in Bethlehem. Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, Israel's West Bank army chief, who was

touring the town four days after a roadside bomb killed a soldier there, promised to protect pilgrims to Bethlehem this Christmas despite the Palestinian uprising (Reuter reports).

"We can promise all the tourists of the world... who come here to Bethlehem, to Jerusalem, to Israel, that they can feel as safe in these areas as they feel in other Western countries."

Kuwait Britons remain in hiding

Attempts by the government to persuade the Britons who remain in Iraqi-occupied Kuwait to come out of hiding and return home appear to have fallen on deaf ears (Andrew McEwen writes). Yesterday, only four Britons boarded a plane from Kuwait to Baghdad, chartered by the United States government, despite appeals broadcast over the BBC World Service.

The Foreign Office said Michael Weston, the ambassador in Kuwait, and Lawrence Banks, first secretary, would try to contact the estimated 40 Britons before being evacuated themselves next week. They would "advise them strongly" to leave. The four who left were due to join about 21 Britons who have been in Iraq at Baghdad airport and were expected to fly to Frankfurt. This would leave about 140 Britons in Iraq. The flight was delayed by several hours, and it was not thought that they would be able to complete their journey to Britain until today.

Ferry chartered

Britain has chartered the world's largest roll-on, roll-off ferry, the Atlantic Conveyor, to take military supplies to the Gulf region, a ministry of defence spokeswoman said. The 42,988-tonne cargo ship, which was built with a government subsidy in 1985, will leave Bremerhaven on December 20. (Reuter)

Amnesty issued

Baghdad - Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council has issued a general amnesty for all Iraqis abroad, including military deserters, the newspaper *al-Thawra* reported. It quoted a decree as saying the two-month amnesty would cover political crimes as well as army deserters. (Reuter)

Bonn priority

Bonn - Finding a solution to the Palestinian problem must be given priority after the ending of the Gulf confrontation. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, said after a meeting here with Prince Saud al-Faisal, his Saudi opposite number, who is on a visit to Germany.

Belgian concern

Brussels - Mark Eyskens, the Belgian foreign minister, said after meeting Wissam Shawkat al-Zahawi, the Iraqi deputy foreign minister, that he was concerned about Baghdad's apparent lack of flexibility in finding a solution to the Gulf conflict. In their discussion, both sides restated their positions. (Reuter)

Egyptian exodus

Amman - About 80,000 of the 180,000 Egyptians working in Jordan have left the country since July, driven out by the depressed economy, unemployment - running at almost 25 per cent - and reported harassment by Jordanians angry at Egypt's stand on events in the Gulf, border officials said. (Reuter)

Bush tries to stiffen European resolve

From ROBIN OAKLEY IN ROME

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday set out to stiffen the resolve of European nations wavering over support for the use of force against Iraq if President Saddam Hussein does not withdraw from Kuwait by next month's UN-supported deadline.

As the European Community leaders flew to Rome for the latest summit, at which they will discuss moves for the closer co-ordination of foreign and security policy, Mr Bush wrote to Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister and current EC president, insisting that America would not negotiate any deal with the Iraqi leader.

Mr Bush's letter said that President Saddam was now using diplomacy to weaken the coherence of the worldwide coalition against him and to postpone "the potential use of force".

Mr Bush, who has been anxious to dispel the impression that appeasement is in the air, said that the rest of the world must retain a "very rigid attitude" and insisted that the return of hostages had changed nothing.

It had not altered the determination of the United States and the allies to see that all the measures approved by the United Nations Security Council were implemented.

'Racist' scrolls editor dismissed

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK AND RICHARD OWEN IN JERUSALEM

Western scholars in Jerusalem yesterday confirmed that the British-born professor in charge of deciphering the remaining Dead Sea Scrolls had been removed from his position because of remarks regarded by the Israeli authorities as anti-semitic.

Dr John Strugnell, a professor of divinity at Harvard University, had been collaborating with Israeli scholars on deciphering the ancient scrolls discovered in 1947 at Qumran on the Dead Sea. The majority of the scrolls were deciphered and published in the years following the discovery, but thousands of fragments remain at the Rockefeller Museum in east Jerusalem. Professor Strugnell's dismissal has raised hopes that after four decades of delays, the celebrated texts may soon be published in their entirety.

The small international team of scholars who control the scrolls project voted to remove Professor Strugnell, aged 60, from his post as editor-in-chief, formally citing his ill health as the reason. But team members said the final straw was an interview he gave to an Israeli daily newspaper last month.

He told *Haaretz*: "I think Judaism is a racist religion, something very primitive. What bothers me about

Judaism is the very existence of Jews as a group, as members of the Jewish religion. The Sabbath laws are a wonderful excuse for laziness. When I look at details of Jewish law (*Halakha*), including sex, I think, 'That's amusing, it's not religion'. These people are acting according to what I would call folklore." He subsequently denied that what he said was anti-semitic, but said: "It's the old Christian response to the Jewish problem."

Harvard officials said Professor Strugnell was in hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts, this week and unavailable for comment. Dr Frank Moore Cross, a Harvard colleague and one of the original eight scholars given exclusive rights to the scrolls in the 1950s, said he had reluctantly voted to oust Professor Strugnell. "The interview certainly contributed," he told *The New York Times*. "But the interview was impossible without his illness."

The Israeli government, which has custody of the scrolls, must approve the team's decision, but there is unlikely to be dissent because local scholars had joined in the international criticism of Professor Strugnell's attempts to keep the undeciphered manuscripts - still about 35 per cent of the body - restricted to a coterie of specialists.

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Crowds greet 'hero' Tambo as 30-year exile ends

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

OLIVER Tambo, the African National Congress president, came home yesterday after 30 years in exile to a relatively small but enthusiastic reception from his supporters.

A burly black council worker, festooned in ANC emblems, said it all. Dancing for joy, he beamed at the slight figure of Mr Tambo, acknowledging the cheers of the crowd, and said: "This is the man who kept the ANC fires burning throughout the world when they were being extinguished in South Africa. This is the man we have been waiting for."

In contrast to the tumultuous scenes which greeted Nelson Mandela on his release from prison in February, little more than 5,000 people turned up at Johannesburg airport to welcome the ailing old man who was their tireless roving ambassador during the darkest days of apartheid.

Mr Tambo, aged 73, would probably have drawn a bigger crowd but for confusion over official permission for a mass rally which came only on the eve of his return. In the event, the assembly made up in noise what it lacked in numbers, but it was disappointed by the response from its revered leader.

After his flight from Zambia had been delayed for two hours, Mr Tambo emerged on a balcony of the terminal building, flanked by Mr Mandela, his life-time friend

and deputy president. Partially paralysed by a stroke, he was evidently unable to address the throng, and mutely returned the chants and ululating by lifting his useless right arm with his left to form a clenched fist salute. He was at once an inspiring and a saddening sight to his admirers.

It was left to Mr Mandela to give a brief eulogy: "Comrades, the day we have all been waiting for is here. We welcome comrade Oliver Tambo as one of the greatest heroes of Africa." After promising a presidential address at a rally near Soweto on Sunday, he requested the crowd to disperse peacefully.

A few choruses of "Khumula" (speak) were ignored, and the masses gradually drifted away, shepherded unnecessarily by snarling police dogs.

Mr Tambo's return completes the line-up of old guard ANC leaders who have emerged from prison and exile, and presages crucial policy debates in preparation for constitutional negotiations with the government. His first public engagement is an opening address to more than 1,600 delegates at a consultative conference near Johannesburg today.

His speech is eagerly awaited, but his influence has been diminished by his illness. While Mr Tambo commands undoubted respect and affection throughout the organization, effective leadership has passed to Mr Mandela.

Together they face enormous challenges. Having failed to attract the mass support it anticipated, the ANC opens its three-day conference riven by conflicting views and wavering loyalties.

While Mr Mandela's continued leadership is assured, there are rumblings of discontent among exiles and militant youth demanding mass protest action.

EC in line to retain Pretoria sanctions

From ROBIN OAKLEY
POLITICAL EDITOR
IN ROMÉ

BRITISH hopes that the European Community summit in Rome would agree to slackening sanctions against South Africa as an encouragement to President de Klerk to continue dismantling apartheid were fading last night.

Pio Mastrobuoni, spokesman for Giulio Andreotti, the current EC president, said he believed the European Council would take the view that there was still much to be done, and reforms had not reached their final destination. There were still some "very worrisome problems".

Signor Mastrobuoni suggested that any communiqué was likely to emphasise the need for further action on democracy and human values and rights in South Africa, and that judgment could not yet be made "in final terms".

Officials have been considering various forms of action, including lifting the ban on new investment in South Africa (a move taken unilaterally by Britain already); a promise that sanctions will be eased in response to specific action on such matters as the Group Areas Act; and a declaration welcoming Pretoria's reforms but insisting more must be done before the removal of community sanctions.

At the Dublin summit this year, British officials believed that they had the support of the Italians for easing sanctions. But Rome has apparently been deterred by an appeal from Nelson Mandela, Ireland and Denmark are against any concessions without "profound and irreversible change" in South Africa, while France and Germany are neutral on the issue.



Come fly with me: Frank Sinatra, on what he described as "the happiest night of my life", singing to an audience of nearly 20,000 people at his 75th birthday concert in East Rutherford, New Jersey

Harare land law fuels white alarm

From JAN RAATH IN HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S parliament yesterday gave hasty approval to legislation that attempts to assuage the land hunger of millions of peasants while simultaneously undoing the constitutional rights to property. MPs whistled, ululated and chanted guerrilla songs as the constitutional amendment bill was passed.

It is the weapon which the government plans to use to seize nearly half the 30 million acres now farmed by white farmers, and resettle up to 110,000 peasants.

It will allow the government to confiscate the land, and then compensate the white farmers at a price of its own choosing. It expressly deprives the farmers from seeking redress from the courts.

It will "fly in the face of all accepted norms of modern society, and the rule of law," said Enock Dumbutshena, Zimbabwe's recently retired chief justice who has been one of the few to condemn land seizure in the fertile tobacco and maize belt in the north-east of the country. This would cost the government £600 million but, Emerson Munangagwa, the minister of justice said, "we simply cannot afford the luxury of paying adequate, prudent and equitable compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land."

He indicated that he plans to offer not money but government bonds to farmers. The move is a desperate attempt to settle the issue that has been at the heart of Zimbabwean politics since Cecil Rhodes distributed huge areas of land to white pioneers a century ago.

As a result, some 4,500 white farmers own big tracts of land, while black peasants are crammed into overcrowded and overworked holdings.

The parliamentary debate took an ugly, racist tone last week, with Sabina Mugabe, President Mugabe's sister, claiming that black servicemen who fought in the second world war were given bicycles over their return, while whites were given farms.

"Must we stay as squatters in the land of our birth? Give them (the whites) bikes, and take our land," she exclaimed. The Commercial Farmers' Union, caught off-guard by the unexpected swiftness of the legislation, has not commented publicly but its members are close to panic.

The move has ruinous potential for the country and its slipping economy. The morale of the white farmers is undermined. It also rings the death knell for the government's hopes of attracting — under its economic liberalisation programme — the foreign investment desperately needed to provide jobs for nearly two million unemployed young men and women.

Even ministry of agriculture officials are at a loss to understand how the "revolutionary land programme" is to be implemented when only two-thirds of the 7.5 million acres bought by the government since independence has been resettled.

The government has no money to establish an infrastructure on confiscated land and the modest resettlement attempts have failed.

It has also become obvious that even the seizure of as much land as possible will be inadequate to provide land for the landless.

Ministry of agriculture officials in the southern Masvingo province have estimated that if all the commercial land in the province were seized, they would be able to help only 11,000 of the 45,000 peasant families needing resettlement.

least 300,000 yen a month back to base.

The syndicate is also recruiting new members in Tokyo. "We approach people who hang out in bars," one member said. "We buy them a business suit or something, and say, 'You look great in that suit. Why don't you come and work with us?' They follow."

Recruits earn a regular monthly salary of 150,000 to 200,000 yen, just as if they had been hired by Mitsubishi or Toyota.

But the gangs that control Tokyo are not happy about their rival's expansion plans. They are building a war chest to defend their patch. "We have raised more than 100 million yen," a member of the Tokyo-based sumiyoshi reigokai said. "We can keep fighting for at least six months with this money. We have one gun for every three men and we are sending our young members to the Philippines for shooting practice."

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Superpowers press for end to war in Angola

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE United States and the Soviet Union, displaying a mutual interest in burying a foreign policy irritant born of Cold War tensions, launched a co-ordinated diplomatic effort this week to resolve Angola's civil war.

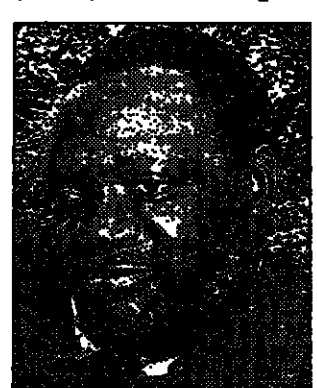
Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, met Jonas Savimbi, the leader of Angola's right-wing Unita rebels, for the first time on Tuesday. Their talks in Washington sent a strong signal to the left-wing Angolan government to call a truce with the guerrillas after 15 years of conflict. In a separate low-key meeting, James Baker, the American secretary of state, met the former Portuguese colony's foreign minister, Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem.

Their parallel push for a ceasefire was followed by a meeting between President Bush and Dr Savimbi at the White House yesterday. The flurry of diplomacy was widely seen as the best chance to date of breaking down the remaining distrust between Luanda and Unita, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, before a sixth round of peace talks in Portugal next year. Officials did not expect the meetings to produce any final agreements but to clarify the final bargaining positions on

both sides. Angola, along with the Soviet-backed governments of Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Cambodia and Ethiopia, became one of the leading foreign policy flash-points between the superpowers during the 1970s. Moscow has spent billions of pounds propping up the ruling Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) since the Portuguese

Soviet Union withdrew some 1,000 military advisers and halted its aid.

Moscow and Washington have found a mutually acceptable moment at which to collaborate on ending the Angolan war. The Bush administration is keen to resolve Third World conflicts hindering steady improvement in Soviet-American relations, while the Kremlin is eager to end a financially draining involvement in overseas wars. Mr Shevardnadze also held talks on Tuesday with his Angolan counterpart at the Soviet embassy in Washington.



Savimbi meetings with Bush and Shevardnadze

Luanda has indicated its willingness to end the war, including a decision last weekend to move toward a multiparty system that would substantially fulfil Unita's conditions for a ceasefire. The MPLA congress has voted to reform the constitution in two stages, allowing opposition parties by April, pending parliamentary approval.

Hunt for Ershad allies is stepped up

Dhaka — The caretaker government in Bangladesh yesterday sent the former deputy prime minister to Dhaka's central jail as it intensified a hunt for political allies of Hussain Ershad, ousted last week as president and placed under house arrest (Christopher Thomas writes).

Arrest warrants have been issued against 24 former ministers and associates of the toppled government, all of whom have gone into hiding. The acting administration is also intensifying a shake-up of senior bureaucratic positions filled by Ershad supporters. The chief of the state-controlled radio and television network has been replaced, along with the heads of the national airline and the nationalised banks.

The mayors of four cities have been removed, along with 61 other leading local officials.

Roh in Moscow

Moscow — President Roh Tae Woo began the first visit by a South Korean leader to the Soviet Union, highlighting the speed at which the nations' relationship has progressed as Cold War constraints recede. Mr Roh is looking to President Gorbachev to press North Korea to soften its stance towards Seoul.

Street credit

Singapore — Singapore will give tax rebates of up to £4,500 to new car owners who restrict driving to off-peak hours. Cars will carry special number plates and have free use of roads from 8pm to 7am on weekdays, from 3pm on Saturdays and all day on Sundays. (Reuters)

Famine threat

Millions are facing starvation in Mozambique as the country's economic conditions worsen, threatening the government's radical moves towards democratic reform, aid agency officials said in London. The problem has been exacerbated by an inadequate international response to appeals for food aid.

A dying art

Peking — China's Communist party branded what it called the "new wave" of modern art as dead, negative and anti-social, while an exhibition by young artists in the capital was prevented from opening. A lengthy commentary in the People's Daily was the latest attack on Western influences by China. (Reuters)

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Tokyo braces for gangland war

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

POLICE in Japan have traditionally turned a blind eye to underworld activities as long as mobsters did not settle their rivalries on the streets. But now that the yamaguchi-gumi gang is flexing its muscles, Tokyo is bracing itself for gangland war.

Japan's biggest crime syndicate is running out of new opportunities in its home base in Kobe, western Japan. It needs to expand and is threatening to move in on the capital, despite the fact that it is a rival gang's lucrative turf. Police fear that the gangland shoot-outs that now occur in other big cities may soon be seen in Tokyo.

It is known that top members of the yamaguchi-gumi were driven in luxury cars to a Yokohama restaurant a week ago to discuss strategy. Their expanding operations. Their 30,000 members countrywide have been placed on alert. Organised crime is a 1,500 billion-yen a year (£6 billion)

business in Japan. There are nearly 90,000 gang members in all, famous for their tattooed bodies, tightly permed hair, their flashy white suits and their big limousines. As the territory wars grow, both the police and the gangsters' victims are tiring of the saying that organised crime is at least better than disorganised crime.

The yamaguchi-gumi is not moving into Tokyo purely to hawk loans and prostitutes. It has just been revealed that the gang is also a huge investor on the Tokyo stock market, which, until this year's plunge, was more lucrative than gambling or drugs.

The finance ministry has this month ruled that anyone holding more than 5 per cent of a company's shares must declare their stake, common practice in Britain but a novelty in Japan. Now Japanese boardrooms are frantic to discover whether certain names are on their share

registers after it was discovered that the yamaguchi-gumi is the biggest shareholder in Kurabo, a large and respected Japanese textile company.

One senior member of the gang told the Yomiuri newspaper: "We can absorb smaller syndicates in local areas. But it's difficult to do so in Tokyo, where all the smaller syndicates are affiliated with larger organisations. So we have poured into Tokyo so that the yamaguchi-gumi can take root here by itself."

The syndicate's headquarters in Kobe gives between 5 and 10 million yen to gang members to set up new "business offices" in Tokyo. Being a gang member is legal in Japan and most hoods wear lapel badges stating their affiliation and exchange business cards that denote their rank. But in Tokyo the yamaguchi-gumi is trying to stay discreet. The seedcorn money covers start-up costs. Once the office is running it starts sending at

three networked channels, will disturb its of chess

Inflatable word rafts

Philip Howard

The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything. Except what is worth knowing. Journalism, conscious of this, and having tradesman-like habits, supplies their demands. This is even more the case today than when Oscar was polishing his paradoxes. In a perfect world there would be no such separate register of English as journalism. The blats would be written in plain, everyday prose adjusted to the height of brow of their target readers: calm, judicious, impartial, clear, and erudite for *The Times*; shorter, snappier, demotic for the paps, but still the English used by the man in the Clapham omnibus, or rather, these days, I suppose, the man in the tailback on the M6. (That man in the Clapham omnibus, invented in 1857 as symbol of your average man in the street, my own senseless, is out of date, like almost all lawyers' jargon, and should be pensioned off.)

But we do not live in a perfect world. Surprise, surprise. And journalism as a separate register of English flourishes, with words and usages that nobody outside the inky trade would dream of using, even in a nightmare. We use this private language for various reasons: to save space in headlines, or merely as corroborative jargon, intended to give artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative. Our journalism is designed to make our pieces about what is not worth knowing sound more important than they are, and as the scribes seem more intrepid heroes in belted raincoats and tilted fedoras than the disappointing reality.

Hence come all those clump-downs and crackdowns that infect our newspapers, but not the real world outside them. A former proprietor of *The Times* gave his hacks the good advice: "Never put on the table of Demos what you would not have on your own table." He then rather spoiled his advice by having notices around the office proclaiming "they are only ten" to remind his staff of their public's mental age.

Take the simple little word "set". Its use in journalism is almost the opposite of its use in real life. In real life it is related to settle, and means something like fixed. *Jellies set. Cement sets.* Like so many short Anglo-Saxon words, it has evolved hundreds of different meanings, which occupy 25 pages in the *Oxford English Dictionary*. All the related meanings in ordinary English suggest that when something is set, it is finally put down, settled, and fixed - finito. Not in journalism, it isn't. If we were using ordinary English, and said that somebody or other was set to be the next prime minister, we should mean that everything had been fixed, soundings had been taken, the constituencies were nobbled, and it was all over the starting ovation. But in journalism "set"

means not determined or fixed, but only likely or proposed. For example, "Lamont set to impose new tax" does not mean he is about to announce it, but that some press officer at the Treasury mentioned it as a remote possibility over a long lunch at the Garrick. In journalism "set" is not concrete, but a cottonwool filler.

It is a useful word for headlines, because of its brevity. But it does not really say much. (Note the sloppy use of "really" in journalism to add a bit of oomph, and grab the reader's attention. Almost any sentence is strengthened by the removal of "really".) But it does not say much. "Lamont to impose new tax" is shorter and sharper without the "set". But it is also too definite for the meaning intended. When you see a "set" in a headline, it is a sign that the story underneath is speculation and guesswork rather than hard fact.

"Profile" is another term of journalism that is used in a different way in the trade from outside. The woman in the M25 traffic jam, if she were to use such a pretentious word, would mean an outline or rough sketch. The roots of the word come to us through French from the Latin for spinning a thread. The point of a profile in the worlds of art, architecture, surveying, engineering, and private life is that it is an outline or contour, a fine-spun thread. That is not the impression we journalists mean to give by our use of "profile". We mean an in-depth (journalistic) and exclusive (tying journalism) biography. Chesterton defined journalism as saying "Lord Jones Dead" to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive. *Oui, cela était autrefois ainsi, mais nous avons changé tout cela.* We have refined journalism since Chesterton.

A profile these days consists of repeating from the cuttings more than anybody could possibly want to know about some paper celebrity. There is an example of its use in journalism by Dickens, when he was editing (not very well): "I have gone through your two profiles and marked them in pencil here and there." *The New Yorker* first introduced a regular feature (journalistic) headed "Profiles" in 1925, and since then any paper worth its pence has had a profile, often as a puffed and prestigious feature. "He's the big guy who does the profiles in the Saturday edition." J.F. Kennedy (a bit of a pseud, like most good journalists) used the trendy word in the title of *Profiles of Courage*, which he wrote (or at any rate paid a ghost for), and which won a Pulitzer Prize. I think that profile is an inaccurate word, like so many in the slap-bang art of journalism. Portrait or sketch would be more accurate, but sound less authoritative. When reading newspapers, you should remember that you are reading a different language.

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ALAN COREN

Above my head, Barkers teems. Three floorsful of Kensington shoppers glumly trudge the long aisles in line astern, their haggard faces peering endlessly to left and right with frantic Yuletide eyes. You know that Dante is in there, somewhere, desperately searching for a present for Beatrice.

And I am in the cellar, making, in my own petite way, things worse. I am a tiny but glittering cog in the engine of Christmas commerce. I am a wisp of tinsel, prying to catch your wallet's eye. I am a winking plastic snowflake. I am at the epicentre of all the glass balls.

Look at me. I am wearing a black velvet battle-blouse, open to the throatless cleavage and ornamented by lovely big silver medallions set with twinkling blood-red garnets. Were I to walk into the Gay Hussar, not diners would instantly think me its eponym. Not a few would choke on their plum soup.

For that is, more or less, the target age-group; which is why the photographer has convened, down here in Scribes elegant bar, not the lissom youths who normally strut this stuff down the world's catwalks, but three middle-aged citizens in whose context the word *Dandy* conjures up only the image of a burly cowboy desperately lining his enormous gut with yet another spade of cowheel pie. We are Milton Shulman, Ned Sherrin, and I, and when we stand in an open lift prohibited from the carriage of more than six, anyone still outside stares for a bit, and prudently decides to wait for the next one.

Yet here we are, pouncing about in front of the fireplace, twirling champagne glasses, smirking, chortling, and fabricating, in our bows and sequins, some swish Regency kneep-up (to which we hope and pray Brummell hasn't been invited, lest he ask Franny who his three fat friends are).

It is Milton who looks the most fetching of all; even if what he is likely to fetch, in his floor-length mock-ocelot overcoat, is open to question. This does not stop him making the organisers an offer for the coat, which he then hurries out in, possibly to a job upstairs in Santa's Grotto as the Spirit of Bud Flanagan Past. Ned, too, departs. I alone am left, because, having priced me out of the Hammett, they want me in something by Hardy Amies. I look, however, as if I am in something by either Hardy or Amis; in this black evening smock three sizes too small, I could be a Wessex bumpkin fleeing retribution in a stolen cassock. I could be a drunken lecturer who has woken naked in an unidentifiable room and grabbed the first thing in the wardrobe; what, though, I could not be is Rhet Butler.

And, frankly, I do give a damn. I had hoped for transformation. More, I had hoped to ginger up my Christmas list; my life having hinted that the threatened cold snap might well call for the replacement of my brown woolly dressing-gown, I had hoped that a strategically placed Christmas Fashion Feature would change her course. Not confirm it.

Graham Mather sees the dismal spectre of reflation stalking the latest statistics

Don't panic on unemployment

Politicians tend to panic over unemployment. Yet the higher unemployment announced yesterday may not in itself harm the economy. Much worse would be a resumed political obsession with making the totals fall every month, which in the mid-Eighties led directly to serious reflationary errors. Instead of wringing hands ineffectually over the higher-than-expected 57,600 rise in recorded unemployment, we should look at new research which shows that employers throughout the country cannot find the skilled workers they need, and that the political nightmare of an underclass of permanently unemployed millions simply does not tally with the facts.

The first fact is that 62 per cent of manufacturing companies and 54 per cent of service-sector businesses surveyed by the British Chambers of Commerce in the third quarter of 1990 reported recruitment difficulties. The available pool of skilled labour was simply not adequate for them to fill jobs efficiently.

In some parts of the country, the figures are startling. Ninety per cent of manufacturers in East Anglia, 88 per cent in the east Midlands, and 84 per cent in the

northern Home Counties were experiencing recruitment problems. The figures suggest that, at present levels of unemployment, housing costs and pay differentials, the flow of skilled people towards jobs is insufficient.

The second factor concerns the jobs themselves. Detailed research confirms that most people who become unemployed quickly find new jobs. A survey by Bill Daniel of the Policy Studies Institute looked at 8,000 job-seekers. One third found new jobs within five weeks or so; half were back in work within about five months, and nearly two-thirds were employed within ten months.

Against this background, the traditional political response to rising unemployment - reflation - is meaningless. A reflationary boost, a premature reduction in interest rates - so long as interest rates alone could not restore growth - would all miss the target.

Preoccupation with unemployment in the mid-Eighties, when it became a political virility symbol to have the total fall every month (as it did for 44 months up to April 1990), was a significant contributor to the over-expansion of the money supply which is now being

so painfully unravelled. Even in political terms it is far from clear that the headline unemployment figures carried as much weight with the electorate as many politicians imagined. Voters panicked less than politicians, and probably not through selfishness, but from a reasonably well informed sense of what local labour market conditions were actually like.

The real problems of Britain's labour market were summed up by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development earlier this year. In Britain "the persistence of important labour market rigidities is suggested by wide disparities in regional unemployment and continued high wage inflation compared with other member countries. Distortions in the housing market stemming from tax privileges and unduly tight restrictions on land development are an obstacle to greater regional mobility. Relatively low productivity levels may reflect weaknesses in the UK education and training systems."

The lesson is clear. Britain has an opportunity to put these problems right, quickly, before the consequences of membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism and the OECD's factors

really do manifest themselves in an unemployment problem.

Britain's employers have failed to seize their chance to decentralise bargaining down not just to plant level, but to flexible individual contracts. The result is concealed unemployment, incompetent plants - and sudden dismissals of hundreds or thousands of workers. It is a clumsy and debilitating means of adjustment to changing competitive markets.

Employers should be blamed for this shortfall, rather than for reflecting market realities in pay settlements. Given rigid bargaining systems that still give too large a role to traditional union mechanisms that bargain for large groups of workers, inflation-driven wage-push follows as night follows day. Many large British companies seem to respond neither to bad times (the recession of the early Eighties) nor good times (the post-1985 growth) to individualise their bargaining. Nor do they respond to tax incentives. Take-up of the Treasury's Profit Related Pay initiative has been overwhelmingly among small business.

So what should be done? Four things. First, sort out the continuing doubts among employers about Britain's alphabet soup of

vocational training initiatives and qualifications. There will be little progress until employers are confident that a straightforward, meaningful system of skill training exists. Second, make speedy use of the forthcoming EC directive which will give every worker an entitlement to a clear job contract. Use it to encourage employers to think of their workers as individuals, and to end the rigidities which make it so difficult for Britain's labour markets to adjust. Third, redouble the many splendid but under-publicised schemes - job clubs, job interview guarantees, training guarantees - which help Britain's jobless gear themselves to employers' needs. And, importantly, address the OECD's housing and land market concerns with a liberalisation of planning laws, so that when growth returns, more house-pressed inflation does not follow.

It is said that the cycle of unemployment-reflation-unemployment still affects the British economy. As the figures rise once more, only a calm, clear focus on the real solutions - a supply-side labour market package - can stop the dismal process beginning again. The author is general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Fear in a cold Soviet climate feeds the impetus to exodus

As Western policy makers assess the significance of the KGB announcement on Tuesday that it would take tighter control of the movement to reform, one effect already seems certain. The statement will be one more reason why tens of thousands of Russians, mainly the young, want to flee their country.

For the past three weeks the West has been wrestling with ways of discouraging Russians from fleeing to the West at a time of growing food shortages. Its answer so far has been a huge injection of aid: food parcels from Germany, subsidised grain from Washington and an aid package to be agreed at this week's European summit in Rome. This generosity was meant to take the sting out of discontent in the Soviet Union this winter and give Mikhail Gorbachev breathing space.

Western policy makers did not reckon with the KGB. The statement by the agency's chairman, Vladimir Kryuchkov, is likely to throw all Western calculations askew. Mr Kryuchkov not only accused foreign intelligence services of waging "a secret war against the Soviet Union, he said opponents of the existing order enjoyed 'material and moral support' from abroad. If the KGB is returning to its old ways, many Russians will argue, there is no time to lose before leaving.

The advance guard of this potential Soviet refugee army can already be seen in London, working in pubs or as babysitters, perhaps sleeping in railway stations. They are probably to be counted only in their hundreds, but if the KGB shows signs of taking greater control, more Soviet visitors will overstay their three months' tourist visas, preferring to wash dishes in the West than go back to their homeland. Some will try to claim political asylum, arguing that their liberty will be in danger from the KGB or from the military.

Fears of a mass migration from Russia were first prompted by a draft immigration law which would allow Soviet citizens to hold passports and go abroad at will. After several delays, it is expected to be passed next year, probably



Alan Philps weighs the possibility of mass emigration from a nation caught between break-up and a resurgent KGB

not before the summer. Soviet officials have fuelled alarmist scenarios by suggesting that up to three million of their compatriots may want to seek work in the European Community. Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary are setting up refugee offices, fearing that the destitute will drift across the border this winter in search of food and warmth. The Budapest government worries that Soviet troops, now pulling out, will take one look at their new accommodation in tents and railway wagons, and come straight back to their old billets as refugees.

The East European countries are most exposed to migration as Soviet citizens do not need visas to enter them. But estimates of millions on the march seem exaggerated unless civil war breaks out in the Soviet Union. There is simply not enough transport to move that number of people. Passports already take six weeks to get, and queues will get longer. Even if Ukrainians and Belorussians, penniless and without passports, skied westwards and trampled down the border fences, they would not find the jobs they are hoping for. Poland is

experiencing its first taste of mass unemployment. Czechoslovakia is going down the same road, and Hungarians already have to do two jobs to make ends meet.

Adventurous Russians dream of working in the European Community. Every family would like to have a son or daughter earning hard currency to support those who stay behind. But most of these people will find they are knocking on a bolted door. Only those of Jewish or German origin, who are allowed to emigrate to Israel and Germany respectively, have an automatic entrée to the West. These groups, with Armenians and members of some Christian sects, make up 98 per cent of the more than 400,000 people expected to emigrate this year.

For the common mass of Soviet citizens, there is bitter irony in the fact that as the formal barriers to free travel are torn down, more insidious hurdles are being put up. Visa requirements by Western countries are the main bottleneck. But there are Soviet ones too: the price of the train ticket from Moscow to European capitals is

likely to rise up to tenfold, making it as expensive as air travel (which is booked months in advance). Getting the Soviet traveller's meagre foreign currency allowance of £180 takes weeks of queuing.

The word is filtering back to Moscow from Russians who came west looking for a slice of the rich man's cake that Europe does not need their labour or skills, apart from those of the cream of the academic and scientific community. This dispiriting message will serve to dampen the refugee exodus: so many know already that the only welcome that awaits them here is a cold shoulder.

But though the West may want to keep the Russians at home, it cannot afford to ignore their plight. Food aid, such as Washington's offer on Wednesday of up to \$1 billion of grain on subsidised credit, and the aid package the European community is expected to tie up at this week's Rome summit, are important. But these are a stopgap. No amount of charity from the West will feed the Soviet Union; it could not feed the 1.2 million people in Moscow alone who are listed as needy.

The ultimate solution to the

food problem is to restore value to the rouble and eventually make it fully convertible. But this prospect is receding. Mr Gorbachev has been forced to put off, perhaps indefinitely, the signing of a new union treaty, a project he hoped would recreate the Soviet Union as a voluntary union of republics. Without this political underpinning it is too early to talk of the essential economic reform.

There is little we can do now to kick-start the Soviet economy. Comparisons with post-war Germany and the Marshall Plan are misleading: Germany was rich in skills and ruled by an Allied military government with an interest in making it prosperous.

European leaders should beware of giving credits to Moscow which would encourage the KGB in what appears to be a new bout of cold-war rhetoric. Along with the armed forces and Communist party, the KGB is one of the few all-Union organisations which can hold the country together, and it still has a role to play. But if the Soviet Union is once again to be a country where foreigners are automatically suspect and contacts with people abroad are a matter of suspicion, then we have no business sending the European taxpayers' money in its direction. The author is a writer on Soviet and European affairs.

Constable's mixed doubles

As the Tate Gallery prepares for a comprehensive exhibition of John Constable landscapes next year, a slush at the V&A has found previously unknown paintings lurking under the skins of his mature works. Using X-ray and infra-red techniques on nearly 50 Constable canvases, restorer Sarah Cove has found a number of new pictures, and, as her work proceeds, art historians are hoping that important works will turn up.

Along with some incomplete images, Cove has already found a full painting beneath *Deathly Vale*, *Evening 1802*. "Between 1810 and 1812 he seems to have cut up a lot of larger canvases and painted over them," says Cove, who is carrying out the work for a Courtauld Institute PhD. "After 1810 his career really took off and he seems to have cut up some of his earlier work because he thought it was no good."

Art experts have long been intrigued by the disappearance of many of Constable's Lake District paintings, which were exhibited and catalogued in 1806. Cove's investigation raises the possibility that Constable obliterated the paintings from this period with new work.

"In recent years many new works by Constable have been discovered, and I think they will go on turning up," says Leslie Parris, deputy keeper of the British Collection at the Tate. "He is a particularly well documented painter, and there are many known works which have dis-

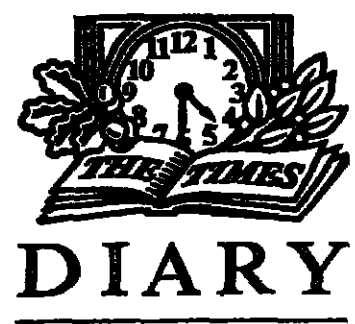
appeared." Students of Constable's work are hoping for a discovery on the scale of that at Washington's National Gallery, where an unknown and complete Constable was found under his sketch *The White Horse*.

Cove has, incidentally, found that Constable was just as quick as Turner to take advantage of new materials, contrary to the view of many experts. "He started using chrome yellows in 1816, which was only shortly after the material became available," says Cove. "He was just behind Turner in using the new materials, but until 1820 his use of the new colour was very tentative. After that, as we can see from his Hampstead paintings, he goes mad, splashing it all over the place."

Hansard rarely makes riveting bedtime reading. But parliamentary words of wisdom are now in such demand that John MacGregor, the Leader of the House, is to launch a compact disc version, readable on computer. The discs will be sold commercially, but no price has been fixed. Consumers will not get a daily diet, but will have to restrain themselves until the end of each parliamentary session.

Sunk at Henley

The Tory leadership contest has claimed another casualty. Tom Morrison, the agent in Michael Heseltine's Henley Conservative Association, has been told to find a new job. Morrison is regarded as having played a key role in the association's decision to issue a public and highly critical reply to the open letter their MP wrote just



before he challenged Mrs Thatcher for the party leadership.

Morrison, who has been in the post only since the end of September, has already started looking for another association in need of a full-time agent. One of those at Westminster who ran the Heseltine campaign says: "His position is untenable. He gave the constituency bad advice. His loyalty must be to the sitting member."

Morrison refuses to discuss the reason for his swift departure. "I have not discussed this with Michael Heseltine. I'm employed by Henley Conservative Association, not the MP," he says. And he denies that he gave the association bad advice. "The only error was the way the press interpreted the letter, as criticism of Mr Heseltine."

Before his move to Henley, Morrison worked in Putney, London, for David Mellor, one of John Major's campaign organisers. But he insists he was strictly neutral during the contest. "I had no view at all on whether Mrs Thatcher should stay on as a leader," he says. He must have been the only person in the country who did not.

Big build-up

The Prince of Wales may soon see one of his staunchest supporters endorsed as president of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Richard MacCormack has emerged as front-runner for the appointment to be announced on Monday, after receiving 40 per cent support in a poll taken by *Architect's Journal*, while his two rivals, Jonathan Ball, the Riba council's own nominee, and Ray Cecil, scored 13 per cent and 24 per cent respectively.

Best known for designing buildings for students at Worcester College, Oxford and Trinity, Cam-

bridge, MacCormack has a penchant for traditional materials, pitched roofs and buildings on a domestic scale. "I think it is very unseemly for the profession to be in open dispute with the prince," he says. "If I were to win, I would hope to open up diplomatic negotiation with bodies such as the Victorian Society and SAVE. I believe in reintroducing tra-

ditional ideas without pastiche." In marked contrast, Max Hutchinson, the outgoing president - known affectionately as Mad Max in the profession - differed with Prince Charles and wrote a critical reply to the prince's *Vision of Britain*.

With the prime minister insisting that he would listen to views from all wings of the party, his appearance there was clearly popular. Arthur Bell, chairman of the Scottish reform group, which had 20 members at the meeting, said: "It was a great success. He preached the message of unity and stressed that it would be a listening party. And we believed him."

Toe in the water

Perhaps taking to heart the seasonal message of peace and reconciliation, John Major was the surprise guest at the Christmas reception this week of the ultra-wet Tory Reform Group, a caucus never graced by his predecessor. Major spent nearly an hour socialising with the 200 MPs, party workers and academics, stayed longer than he had intended and was late for his next appointment. The visit was a carefully guarded secret: only a handful of senior figures in the pressure group were aware of the new prime minister was to attend.

He spent most of the time mixing with ordinary party workers, and had his ear bent on a number of issues, notably the poll tax. The group is pressing for the charge to be replaced by a local income tax, something which Michael Heseltine has promised to consider. Not surprisingly, Major gave no definitive view on the issue.

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The Prevention of Accidents.



PAYING FOR A MISTAKE

SCRUTINY OF STRASBOURG

ANOTHER BALL GAME

ROBERT YOUNG,
University of Leicester,
Department of Archaeology,
University Road, Leicester.
December 6.



Highness presented Long

OBITUARIES

Sir Ian Trethowan, who died on December 12 at the age of 68 after a long illness, was a prominent figure in British broadcasting. He was a managing director of BBC Radio and Television, served as director-general of the BBC from 1977 to 1982, and was deputy editor of ITN.

JAMES Ian Railey Threhown was born at High Wycombe on April 20, 1922, and served in the Royal Air Force as a Major J. R. Threhown, MBE, while between the wars wrote an amateur sport in the Sunday papers. He was sent to Christ's Hospital, leaving at 17 to work on the *Daily Sketch*. After further experience on the *Eastern Daily Press* he moved to the *Yorkshire Post*, which he rejoined in 1946 after five years in the Fleet Air Arm. He covered sport and then labour relations, but soon moved on to the Parliamentary Gallery and to the Lobby. In 1955 he went to the *New Chronicle* and also began to contribute to *The Economist*. In 1958 Geoffrey Cox recruited him to ITN as a newsreader, but he subsequently became political correspondent and deputy editor.

In 1963 he was offered a contract by BBC Television, and began to appear in such programmes as *Westminster at Work*. He was a respected interviewer and presenter — competent, orderly, courteous, reliable. His political views were mostly on the right, and when one of them became chairman of the BBC, he plucked Threhown out of the performing rink and made him managing director of radio.

rightly given much of the credit for a renewal of the charter that left almost all of the powers and privileges of the BBC intact and for a licence fee settlement that exceeded expectations, but there are those who see those victories as pyrrhic.

Trethowan never seems to have questioned any of the claims the BBC traditionally makes for and about itself. Although he came late to its bureaucracy, he quickly mastered its distinctive rhetoric and subscribed to its rather Panglossian view of the corporation's place in the scheme of things. A mind trained to view things in a longer perspective might have seen that the view was changing. Broadcasting was changing and it was unlikely that the BBC could continue in its rather grand ways. There is no evidence that he ever challenged the assumption of the inevitability of growth, no evidence that his eyes were open to the flabbiness of BBC management, no evidence that he saw any will to tackle the restrictive practices which were tolerated no less in broadcasting than in Fleet Street. It also seemed to me that the uncritical enthusiasm with which he embraced local radio seriously undermined BBC Radio's ability to do some of the more substantial things traditionally required of public service broadcasting.

He was, in his mummuring

way, a good companion — quietly convivial, fond of gossip, not against having a pretty actress at his lunch parties. He was curiously sensitive about not having been to university, though his natural *qualities of mind* allowed him to hold his own with colleagues who had been much more expensively educated. He was fond of cricket and devoted to the turf.

In 1979 he had a heart attack. He retired from the BBC three years later. He was appointed chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and of Thames Television. He also served as an independent director of *The Times*, as a member of the Committee on the Official Secrets Act and on the boards of the British Council and of Barclays Bank. He was a trustee of the British Museum and of the Glyndebourne Arts Trust, and a governor of the Ditchley Foundation. He was, he told his friends, enjoying himself enormously, and earning more money than he had ever done in his years in broadcasting. He was a member of the council of Wycombe Abbey School.

Trethowan was twice married. His first marriage was dissolved. In 1963 he married Carolyn Reynolds. They had three daughters, to whom he was devoted.

Impact on racing: none 31

Boris Kochno, artistic assistant to Serge Diaghilev for his Russian Ballet, died on December 8 aged 86. He was born in Moscow on January 3, 1904.

BORIS Kochno's creative contribution to ballet is recorded as being the writing of several libretti and two histories, but his work went further than that. From Sergei Diaghilev, his first patron, Kochno learned how a layman of taste and experience could enhance the collaboration of composer, choreographer and designer. He applied that lesson to at least two masterpieces and a series of lesser ballets, which enjoyed success in their time.

Kochno was the son of an Army officer of Ukrainian stock. He and his mother arrived as refugees in Paris in October 1920, and within a few weeks he contrived to meet Diaghilev, whose emigre Russian Ballet he already idolised from newspaper reports. Diaghilev talked to the 17-year-old boy, listened to his accounts of life in Russia and engaged him immediately as secretary. Kochno received a salary, but he had no pay, his reward was the friendship of the great man (but their relationship was apparently platonic) and the chance to work with leading artists and musicians. Kochno's first literary contribution to the Diaghilev repertoire was writing the lyrics, based on a comic poem by Pushkin, for Stravinsky's opera *Mavra Facheux* (1924). Kochno wrote the libretti of nine ballets within five years: *Nijnska*, *Masine* and *Balanchine* were the choreographers, the composers included Auric, Nabokov, Prokofiev and Sauteng, and the designers Braque, Chirico, Roussel and Tcheliatchev. The *Prodigal Son* was his last collaboration with *Les Ballets and Odé* were also much admired.

Diaghilev increasingly relied on Kochno as his deputy. On Diaghilev's death in 1929 there were hopes that Kochno could continue the company, but they came to nothing – thwarted, it is said, because Serge Lifar (Diaghilev's lover



and principal dancer) insisted on being joint director and others were not prepared to work with him. The failure to preserve the company was a source of regret to Kochno ever after. Lian had already caused a scandal by throwing himself jealously at Kochno during Diaghilev's funeral and toppling them both into the open grave.

Kochno's next work was advising on the ballets for C. B. Cochran's 1930 *Revue*. When René Blum and Colonel Russes de Monte Carlo in 1932, Kochno joined to write *Cottillon* for Balanchine and *Jeux d'enfants* for Massine, both highly regarded.

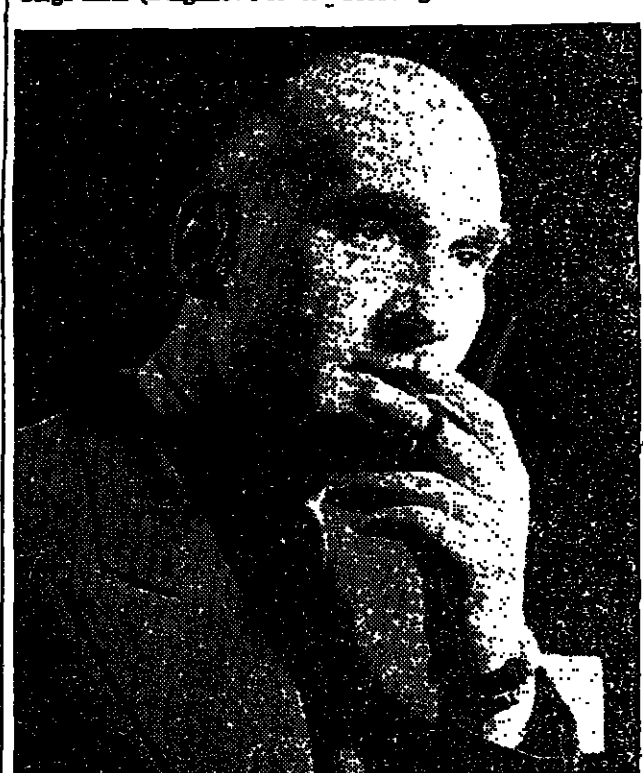
Kochno next joined with Balanchine in forming Les Ballets 1933, for which he commissioned scores from Milhaud and Sanguet; also, with financial help from the dilettante Edward James, he put on the Brecht/Weill *Seven Deadly Sins*.

Although he then became again for a time artistic adviser to the Monte Carlo company, Kochno's next important contribution to ballet came only in 1945, when he and Christian Bérard (his greatest friend for 20 years until Bérard's death in 1949), devised *Les Forains*, with another score by Sauguet. This made the reputation overnight of his brilliant young choreographer, Roland Petit, and led to the founding of Les Ballets de Champs-Élysées, which, for the rest of that decade, was in the forefront of international ballet, with Kochno as artistic

Kochno's career was disturbed by his serious love of drinking. His greatest treasure was his Diaghilev archive, assembled from Diaghilev's bequest, the generosity of artists with whom he worked, and his own habit of saving every scrap of paper which might be useful.

Kochno drew on this archive extensively when writing and illustrating his two large, superbly produced books, *Le Ballet* (1954) and *Diaghilev et les Ballets Russes* (1970); the latter was translated into English. The archive was bought in 1975 by the French government.

A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a man with glasses. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. His right hand is raised, with his fingers resting under his chin and cheek. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a dark tie. The background is dark and out of focus.



City and Guilds of London Institute
The Chairman, Mr H.M. Neal, and Council of the City and Guilds of London Institute were the hosts at a reception held last night at Grocers' Hall for international participants in City and Guilds' technical education and training services.

British Atlantic Committee
Mr David Griffiths, Chairman of the British Atlantic Committee, was host last night at a reception held at King's College London after the annual meeting.

Zaiwalla & Co (Solicitors)
Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla and Mrs Zaiwalla received the guests at

Dinners

Royal Aeronautical Society
Mr C.E. Billings, from the NASA Ames Research Center, delivered the Wilbur and Orville Wright memorial lecture to the Royal Aeronautical Society at 4 Hamilton Place yesterday. Mr Billings was president of the society, was host at a dinner held afterwards and Mr L.A. Edwards also spoke. The guests included:

Captain Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Air Marshal Sir Barry and Mrs. Wheeler, Major General Sir John and Lady Howarth, Sir Colin and Lady Stirling, Captain Sir Peter and Lady Gunning, Major R.H.R. Evans, Colonel Sir James and Lady MacLennan, Major J.F. Corrie and Mrs William Woodhouse.

Company of Tin Plate Workers
alias Wire Workers
Mr Geoffrey Firth, Master of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, presided at Christmas county dinner held last night at Ironmongers' Hall.
Mr Derrick Willingham was the guest speaker and Mr Richard Bolton also spoke.

International Test Pilots School
The International Test Pilots School, Cranfield, held its annual graduation dinner last night at Castle Ashby, Northampton. The principal guest was Mr Donald Spiers, CB, Controller Aircraft, Ministry of Defence. Those graduating this year were:

Mr Bengt Andersson (Sweden), Mr Mikael Carlsson (Sweden), Mr Hindawan Hartowibowo (Indonesia), Mr Lars Jervan (Sweden), Mr Hans-Joachim Herrmann (Germany), Herr Manfred Kreck (Germany), Major Jin Ho Lee (Korea), Flight Lieutenant Westcott (Canada), Mr A. Toss (Indonesia), Mr Cadeen (Singapore), Mr Cadeen (Singapore) and Major Dong Sun (Korea).

the Zaiwalla & Co (Solicitors) annual Christmas reception held yesterday evening at 95a Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.

In attendance were Mr. Tony Baldry, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, who was the principal guest. Among others present were:

Lord Justice Mummery, Lord Justice Bingham, Mr Justice Saville, Mr George Leggott, First Secretary, Embassy of the United Kingdom, London, with Mr Yu Zhizhong, Minister, Chinese Legation, London, Mr Zhuangshun, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC, Mr William Blackburn, QC, Mr Courtenay Gray, QC, Mr Michael Collins, QC, Mr John Gifford, QC, Mr Robert Ross, QC, Mr Ian Ramsden, QC, Mr Peter Ridd, QC, Mr David Edey, QC, Mr Anthony Coleman, QC, Mr Andrew Brown, QC, Mr John Smith, QC, Mr Richard Cuthbert, QC, Mr Stephen Department, QC, Mr G S Hinde, QC, Mr John Dwyer, QC, Mr John and Captain Methuen Woodhouse,

Birthdays today

Dr Karl Carstens, former president, the Federal Republic of Germany, 76; Professor Richard Russell, operating tensor, 63; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 78; the Right Rev J.B.R. Grindrod, former Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia, 71; Sir Anthony Kershaw, former Australian ambassador to Lehigh-Hunt, address, 55; Mr Robert Mitchell, former chairman, G.L.C. 77; Mr C.R. Morris, former MP, 64; Mr Alberto Morocco, painter, 73; Sir John Bland, former Australian ambassador, 72; Ronald Raitlen, founder, National Youth Orchestra, 75; Miss Lee Remick, actress, 55; Mr R.E.I. Roberts, chairman, Simon Engineering, 62; Mr Stan Smith, tennis player, 44; Miss Rosemary Suifcut, novelist, 70; Mr Simon Towneley, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, 69; Colonel Sir Connolly Traherne, former Lord Lieutenant of Mid. South and West Glamorgan, 80; Miss

Luncheon

Consular Corps of London
Mr William Wilder, President of the Consular Corps of London, was host at the annual Christmas luncheon held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel. Vice-Admiral Edward Martin, was the guest speaker and Mr Stanley Martin, First Assistant, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, was among others present.

Mr P.R.C. Boulton
and **Miss J. Robinson**
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mr Robert Boulton, and of Mrs Patricia Beale, of Dittisham, Devon, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Robinson, of Chelsea, London.

Mr C.W.F. Bradfield
and **Miss J.M. Parker**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Dr G.P. Bradfield and of Mrs R.H. Green, of Clyro, Hereford, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Parker, of Harley, Shropshire.

Mr P.D. Corbett
and **Miss R.J. Packington**
The engagement is announced
between Paul, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Peter Corbett, of
Limpfield, Surrey, and Ruth,
youngest daughter of Mr and
Mrs Collin Packington, of
Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr R.H. Cunningham
and **Miss A.A. Godwin-Austen**
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of
Mr and Mrs R.H. Cunningham,
of Brickyard Farm, East Knoyle,
Salisbury, and Alice, daughter of
Dr and Mrs Richard Godwin-
Austen, of Papplewick Hall,
Nottinghamshire.

Dr J.M. Innes
and **Dr R.J. Plumpton**
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, younger son of
Dr and Mrs Fred Innes, of
Epston, Surrey, and Rosemary,
elder daughter of John and Lynn
Plumpton, of Whitewoods,
Buckland Filleigh, Devon.

Mr D.A. Josephs

Mr A.D. Kelly
and Mrs D.J. Beranek
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Dr A. Derek Kelly and of Mrs Yvetta Kelly, of Fairfield, Co Durham, and Dianne, daughter of Mr John Gibson and the late Mrs Anna Gibson, of East Lothian, Scotland.

Mr J.N. Kelly
and **Miss C.F. Brett-Smith**
The engagement is announced between James, only son of the late Mr Lewis Eugene Kelly, and Mrs Kelly, of Grossepoinette, Michigan, and Francesca, daughter of the late Captain R.N.B. Brett-Smith and of Lady Beckley, of Chelsea, London.

Mr P.F. Lobbe
and **Pess C.F. Levitt**
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs George F. Lobbe, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Levitt, of London, N2.

Mr A. McAlpine

and Miss C. Hodgson.
The engagement is announced between Andrew William, only son of the Hon Sir William Macpherson, Bart., and Lady McAlpine, of Fawley Hill, near Henley-on-Thames, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick A. Hodgson, of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Sub-Lieutenant Lord Montpelier, RN, is engaged to Miss S. Redpath.
The engagement is announced between Hugh, eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Eglinton and Winton, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Aileen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Niel Redpath, of Fulham, London.

Mr T.C. Moore and Miss D.E. Burns
The engagement is announced between Trevor, son of Dr and Mrs S.W. Moore, of Skeftron, and Aileen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Burns, of Bangor, Northern Ireland.

Mr M. Magdoustine and Miss R.A. Fell

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of the late Mr R.H. Mugglestone, of Bessacarr, and of Mrs J. Webster, of Doncaster, and Ruth Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Fell, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr M.P. Peach and Miss A.M. Jenkins

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Sir Leonard and Lady Peach, of Wentworth, Surrey, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gareth Jenkins, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.D. Sheppard
and **Miss S.D.R. Heskeith**
The engagement is announced
between **Richard**, son of the
late **Mr and Mrs C. Sheppard**,
of **Dundee**, and **Sue**, elder
daughter of **Mr and Mrs**
H.R. Heskeith, of **Ditchbeat**,
Somerset.

Mr N.W. Shade
and **Miss T.J. Mason**
The engagement is announced
between **Nell**, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Robin Shade,
of **Dauntsey, Wiltshire**, and
Kenya, and **Tamsin**, younger
daughter of **Mr and Mrs Peter**
Mason, of **Bladon, Oxfordshire**.

Marriages

Mr N.C.A.G. Francis and Miss J.A. Grayson (left) will take place in London, on December 13, 1990, between Mr Nigel Francis, only son of Captain Alec Francis and the late Mrs Francis, of Walsley, Wiltshire, and Miss Julia Grayson, only daughter of Lieutenant Commander A.G.W. Grayson, CRN (ret) and the late Mrs Grayson, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr B. Tisdall and Mrs C. Duck (right) will take place in London, on December 13, 1990, between Brian Tisdall, only son of Mr and Mrs Tisdall, and Catherine Duck, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Duck, on Thursday, December 13, in London.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will be represented by the Princess of Wales at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst at 10.15.

The Princess of Wales, as the Princess of Business in the Commonwealth, will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh.

from business leaders at the Subterranea Club, North Kensington, at 10.30 on their visits to community initiatives throughout the UK.

Princess Michael of Kent will open a bungalow in the grounds of St Rose's School, Stratford Lawn, Stroud, at 6.30.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

- Mr John Hessel Tilman to join the Royal Household as Deputy Director of Property Services.

BIRTHS: Tycho Brahe, astronomer, Knudstrup, Denmark, 1546; James Bruce, explorer, in Africa, Larbert, Central Scotland, 1730; Pierre de Chaulnes, mural painter, Lyons, 1824; George VI, reigned 1936-52, York Cottage, Sandringham, 1895; Paul Eluard, poet, Paris, 1895.

DEATHS: Sir John Oldcastle, alleged heretic, "hung and burnt hanging", London, 1417; James V, Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Falkland, 1542; C. G. Philipp Emanuel Bach, composer, Hamburg, 1788; George Washington, 1st president of the USA 1789-97, Washington, 1799; John Loudon, landscape gardener, London, 1843; Léon Faucher, statesman, Marseilles, 1890.

1824; Albert, Prince Consort, Windsor Castle, 1861; George Hudson, the "railway king", London, 1871; Stanley Baldwin, 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, prime minister 1923-24, 1924-29, 1933-37, Astley, Lancashire, 1947; Edward John Higgins, 3rd general of the Salvation Army 1900-1917, 1927, Weymouth, 1935; Charles Compton, 5th, Andrews, 1947; Juho Kusti Paasikivi, president of Finland 1946-56, Helsinki, 1956; Sir Stanley Spencer, painter, 1959, Bockinghampton, 1959.

Luddite riots began, 1811.

Röald Amundsen reached the South Pole, 1911.

Harrow School

The Winter Term at Harrow School ended yesterday, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended the 50th anniversary of Churchill Schools, which was celebrated on November 22 at Albert Hall, and Lady Snowdon presided at the honours. The Cock House match was won by Elmfield (Mr J.R.

Beckett) who beat the Head Master's (Mr J.D.C. Vargas). Term starts on January 9, 1991, and the modernisation of Newlands House will begin in August.

Latyer Foundation at Hammersmith

Dr J. Edelman, CBE, DSc, FRCR, F1 Biol, has been elected Chairman of Governors of the Latyer Foundation at Hammersmith and of Latyer Upper School, in succession to the late Mr J.F.G. Emms, FIA.

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

JUNIOR bishops, clergy and women in the Church of England will meet early next week to choose the next bishop of London, to succeed Graham Leonard.

Members of the Crown Appointments Commission will stay overnight in a religious house in southern England to select two names to send to the Prime Minister.

The appointment is expected to be announced in the new year.

The commission's decision will be crucial for the church in the forthcoming decade of angelism: London, the third most senior bishopric in the church, is widely regarded as the diocese from which the most money-raising bishops will resolve.

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leaving the church if women's ordination went ahead. His arguments against women's ordination have not been the unexplained rhetoric of some of his more outspoken colleagues but have been rooted in carefully considered ecclesiological principles.

He has also been attempting to accommodate the diverse views within a united church.

Dr Hope said: "I know that my name is in the ring, but basically that is only because I see it reported in newspapers."

The Right Rev Michael Baughen, Bishop of Chester, is the political front-runner. The Bishop of Exeter is

of Leonard, aged 69, and of the church's leading opponents of the ordination of women, retires when he reaches 70 next May. Evangelicals are pressing for a more conservative character with the courage to tackle some of the more serious difficulties. Traditionalists would prefer an Anglo-Catholic to confer with the liberal Dr John Habgood at York and the appointment of an evangelical, Dr George Carey, Canterbury.

After the surprise choice of Dr Carey, church sources are reluctant to bet on a likely successor for London. The current phrase is "anything could happen".

The Right Rev David Hope, Bishop of Wakefield and a respected theologian, is a favourite among those brave enough to predict. Dr Hope would fit with the Catholic tradition of the leadership of the London diocese and its

Anglican successors. The Right Rev Colin James, Bishop of Winchester, and the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, are favoured by some. Other names that have been suggested are the Right Rev John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford, and the Right Rev Timothy Bavin, Bishop of Portsmouth.

After the Bishop of London is chosen, two members of the commission will step down: Oswald Clarke, of the House of Laity, who has retired, and Canon Michael O'Connor, who was not re-elected to the General Synod. They will be replaced by Sister Carol, who represents religious communities, and Canon Ruth Wintle, a synod member from the Worcester diocese.

The vacancies to be considered by the commission will then include that of the see of Bath and Wells, soon to be vacated by Dr...

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Time to go it alone

Would all the unhappy guests at their spouses' office parties stand up — and walk out?

WE HAVE reached that time of the year again — when everybody gives and goes to parties. And all over the country, twice as many people attend each function as are really wanted — the unwanted guests being the spouses or partners of the "real" invitees.

For some reason, it is assumed that invitations to any social gathering — even if it is to do with work — must include the current partner of each named guest.

Thus, standard invitations read "Jane and guest" — if the hosts know Jane is living with/married to somebody but have no idea who, or "Jane and Tim" if they do know. The fact that the hosts may never have met "and guest" or Tim is beside the point. Consequently, for every 25 "real" people invited, 50 have to come.

Why can't hosts, when issuing invitations, just ask the people they want? In so many cases, the "and guests" will not enjoy the occasion anyway, as they know nobody there. Often, the spouse or partner will merely clog up the conversation, make the whole occasion more expensive, and prevent the hosts inviting many people they would really like.

We have all been to parties where we have been painfully stuck with the spouse of a friend or colleague with whom we feel we must make polite conversation.

There is the danger, of course, that the invitee will refuse to come unless the partner is included. Things have got so bad that if somebody we know is married, but persistently attends social

You haven't met Adrian?



gatherings alone, we tend to imagine something is wrong with the relationship.

People are not accessories, appendages, supports, but individuals. We are all capable of attending social functions on our own — or should be. Why drag somebody along who is going to get nothing out of the evening?

My advice to the numerous "and guests" now being invited to social gatherings out of misguided and outdated politeness is: never go to any function unless you are attending as somebody in your own right. If you do not want to go, have the confidence to refuse. We must liberate ourselves from this stultifying, compulsory coupledom.

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Bringing the new men to book

The tug of war between machos and softies is dominating German dinner parties, talk shows and best-seller lists. Anne McElvoy reports

If you want to peer into the soul of a nation, take a look at its best-seller list. The two topics dominating conversation in these early post-German days, from the pub in darkest Bavaria to the most sophisticated of Berlin dinner parties, are unification and the new man. These are also the topics making the publishers' hearts beat faster, as they effortlessly quell all competition for the reading public's attention.

Television presenter Franz Alt's *Jesus, The First New Man* has topped the list for the best part of a year, ousted only by the chancellor, Helmut Kohl's, exegesis on the new Germany's relations with its neighbours. Nobody has yet published the *newer Man's* views on unification, but they cannot be long in coming: his views have been elicited on just about everything else.

Scarcely an evening passes without some broadcast enquiring whether the German male is a macho or a softy. The sudden heightening of the debate suggests that the argument is really an *Ersatz* for the one raging subliminally in the new Germany — is it gentle giant, or slumbering blond beast?

At number eight in the literary *Bundesliga* is *Leave Men Alone At Last*, snapping at its heels, *When Men Learn To Love*. Squawking in the second division is *Man: You're The Greatest*. There is, publishers cheerfully assure us, more of the same to come.

Uwe Schmidt, the editor of the publishing journal *Buchreport*, says the argument over whether the new German man is the stuff of the future or a mere changing, conceived in the alembic of authorial imagination, is the new preoccupation of the chattering classes. "People have had enough of feminist literature and lengthy discussions of the female state," he says. "First there was one book on the subject of being a modern male, which we took for a one-off, but suddenly there were dozens."

Seven years have passed since the Ina Deter Band topped the Teutonic charts with the plaintive cry of modern German womanhood: "Neue Männer Braucht das Land" ("New Men Are What This Country Needs"). Now there is a glut of them, as thick on the bookshelves and talk shows as they are thin on the ground in daily life. Herr Kohl verges on a caricature of the traditional German male: his advisers and friends are exclusively men, and he cheerfully admitted that his way of relaxing in the recent gruelling election campaign was "a few beers and a good meal with old mates in a pub". There is always a woman in his cabinet, and she is always responsible for family affairs. His wife, Hannelore, is petite, smiling and mute.

Oskar Lafontaine, the van-

quished Social Democrat candidate, is, by contrast, a passionate and expert cook and devotes much time and attention to the interior design of his apartment. He is twice married and now has a peroxide career-woman girlfriend, who disdains the role of second lady. If Herr Lafontaine embodies Germany's modern, unburdened, free-thinking image, Herr Kohl represents the industrious conservatism which underpins it. When it came to the battle of the ballotbox rather than the image, he won hands down.

But the new man continues to march victorious into the temples of tradition. Herr Alt, a popular television presenter who doubles as a popular theologian, says he calls Jesus the first new man "because he did not repress the feminine side of his nature. That is why women 2,000 years ago were crazy about him," he says. "If you read the Bible you see that he was constantly surrounded by women and regarded them as equals, as spiritual partners. This is the conduct I would aspire to as a modern new man."

Herr Alt is a silver-haired, bespectacled and authoritative figure, who bears the string of ologies after his name one needs to rise in the German media firmament. Nettled by the suggestion that his presentation of Jesus has more to do with publishing trends than theology, he says: "I am not interested in the fashionable tug of war between machos and softies. I represent talking about a new approach to theology, reclaiming religion from male domination, and rediscovering the feminine principle in Jesus' teachings."

He points to the success of his book as proof of a need in Germany "to re-evaluate religion from a woman's point of view, to feminist theology". If Joachim Bärger hears one more word about a woman's point of view he will run amok in protest, he says. He has already done so in print with his polemic *Man, You're The Greatest*. He describes himself as "Germany's first chauvinist", and bemoans the marginalising of men in Germany by the women's movement.

For him, new manhood is nothing more than dinner-party chatter turned publishing coup. "Germany's men are under constant attack from women. Their instincts are attacked as repressive. The German male is not allowed to be true to his nature *qua* man." This he defines as a strong desire to dominate, motivated by sexual instinct rather than intellectual equality topped by the wish to "screw and not have to talk about it".

Herr Bärger's argument has roused Germany's feminists to arms. After one particularly eventful talk show, in which he announced that the historical hour of



Image of his fatherland: is the new German man, like his recently unified country, a gentle giant or a slumbering blond beast?

IS THE WRITING ON THE WALL FOR BRITISH MANHOOD?

IN THE UK the two best-selling non-fiction books at the moment are both, in their own way, sociological studies of the interaction between the sexes; but neither *The Trials of Life* nor *Viz V: The Spunky Parts* quite fit the German trend. Could the new man cross the Channel? Ion Trewin, the editorial director of Hodder & Stoughton, is doubtful: "Although 1992 is just around the corner, and we're even joined by a tunnel, in matters of taste we're a millennium apart. Best-sellers rarely cross borders. In fiction Umberto Eco does it; in non-fiction Martin Luther did it, but that's about all."

In the view of Tom Rosenthal, the chairman and managing director of André Deutsch, books on the new man and his "baby-friendly" sensitivity are more to the taste of our New World cousins. "Americans have the money and the leisure hours in which to gaze at their navels — it's not a British occupation, thank God."

According to Carmen Callil of Chatto & Windus, "British men have too much of a sense of irony to read such rubbish". And that, in the view of the literary agent Giles Gordon, includes the ones who know which end to pin the nappy. First a father a generation ago, Mr Gordon and his second wife are expecting a baby in February. "I'm going to be a million times more involved with the upbringing of this child, but the change has been subversive. We might be behaving more like new men in private, but we don't want an ideology. I won't be pleased if what I get for Christmas is *Son of Greer*. I don't want a book, I want paternity leave."

Publishers here have mixed feelings about leaping on the 'new man' bandwagon

Mr Gordon admits to reading magazine articles about the domesticated male. Judith Palmer, from the Women's Press, says: "The new man has had a lot of exposure in women's mags, on Radio 4's *Woman's Hour* and in the women's pages of newspapers. Men can buy a paper or a magazine, and they don't have to show what they're reading. Maybe they're too scared to buy a book on the subject."

Would anyone buy such a book? "Six hundred men might go against the grain and buy it," says the literary agent Ed Victor. "But not 6,000 or 60,000. Women might buy it to get a glimpse of Utopia." Frankly, he adds, they would be better off reading Margaret Atwood. "If I were 22 and having babies I might be interested in a book on how to create a new man," says the literary agent Carol Smith, although she adds that if she were 22 and having babies, she would not have any money to spend on books about new men.

Anne McDermaid from the Curtis Brown literary agency,

'We don't want an ideology. I don't want a book, I want paternity leave'

NICOLA MURPHY

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Watching their step

Christmas help for stepfamilies is at hand

CHRISTMAS can be hard for stepfamilies. Step-parents may, for example, find it a strain to entertain the children of a spouse's former marriage. The National Stepfamily Association's telephone counselling service faces a four-fold increase in demand over Christmas, says Brian Dimmock, a social work lecturer at Bath university and consultant to the service. "The phone doesn't stop from December 25," he says.

Erica De'Ath, a 47-year-old mother and stepmother who takes over as director of the association next month, says many calls are precipitated by problems which "ordinary" families experience at Christmas — "the difference is that one can become particularly irked by an outsider's habits".

Nearly 80 per cent of the calls are from stepmothers. Few stepchildren ring, possibly because they are not aware of the service. The association hopes to fill this gap shortly with a new magazine, *Steppladder*. A pilot sample has been sent to schools in the Midlands, the southwest and London.

JANE BIDDER

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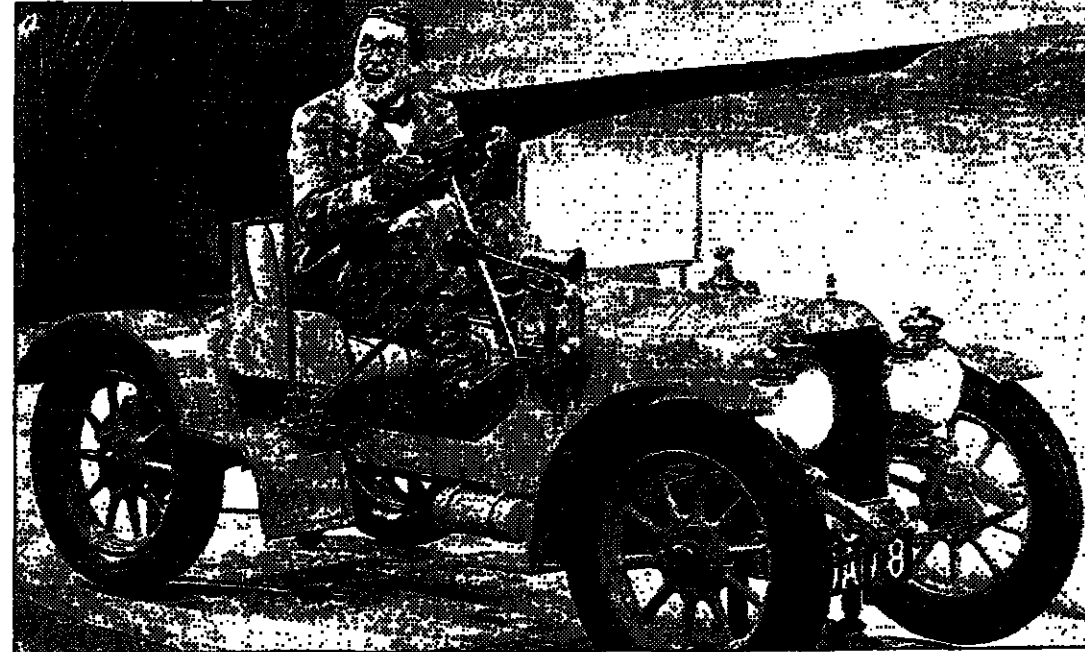
The Wind in the Willows

Olivier

DO NOT worry if, with me, you tend to resist carol-singing mites dressed as field-mice, or grown actors with bobbles and long ears popping brightly from holes. Terminal cuteness did not set in last night at the National, thanks partly to Nicholas Hytner's relaxed, humorous cast and partly to an adaptation by Alan Bennett that, as it happens, remains remarkably faithful to Kenneth Grahame's original. Believe it or not, there is even a cursory version of the chapter I always skipped as a boy, Rat and Mole's encounter with the Great God Pan.

Moreover, Hytner and his designer, Mark Thompson, have made ampler and more inventive use of the great Olivier stage than anyone so far. At its centre is what looks like a slice of golf course, surrounded by a blue ribbon that can pass as a river, a road, a railway track. Round and round goes this little island, allowing a boat, Toad's yellow caravan and red car, and even a splendid steam loco to make their entrances. Then up it rises, its innards becoming the fake ship's gallery which Rat makes his home or the bookshop Badger quietly inhabits.

Nor is that all. Suddenly silver trees glide down from the flies, to form a ghostly wood for Mole to get lost in. A huge wall looms at the back, a plausible prison for the



Felocious roadhog Toad: Griff Rhys Jones as Toad in the National Theatre's *The Wind in the Willows*

felonious roadhog Toad. Indeed, so impressive is the scenery that it becomes artistically dangerous. Surely it must distract the audience from the story?

That does not happen. On the contrary, the evening never loses either its narrative clarity or, thanks to the menacing presence of mafiosi weasels in brown overcoats and co-represented shoes, its dramatic tension. Bennett is even able to inject the odd sly joke for the adults without bewildering the tots. For instance, Toad hoodwinks Rat into thinking him ill by repeating the syphilitic Oswald's cry from *Ghosts*, "give me the

sun". You could think Ibsen a patient medicine, and still get the point.

Perhaps there is less laughter than might have been predicted, given that Griff Rhys Jones plays Toad. I hope he will not mind me saying he looks the part, with his big, floppy face and twisted post, as well as his green-check plus-fours. He preens and gurgles pretty satisfactorily, too. But Toad is as majestic a braggart as literature offers. Parodies and Pistol not excluded. Jones has not yet the size and ebullience the part needs.

Never mind. Richard Briers is a fine Rat, with his yachtsman's

blazer and Terry-Thomas drawl, not to mention the tail he embarrassingly hides in a pocket. David Bamber, a flustered Macmillan Mole, and Michael Bryant everyone's gruff, kindly uncle as Badger, notwithstanding a hair-do better suited to a punk zebra. Add Terence Rigby as a horse that might be Bennett's parody of one of the sad, seedy humans who haunt his own drama — "I don't mind sunrise or sunset, it's what's in between that depresses me" — and the result is a delightful evening, a treat for anyone.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Taking Steps/Callisto 5

Stephen Joseph, Scarborough

ALAN Ayckbourn is said to have been less than thrilled by the London staging of *Taking Steps* ten years ago. In those days his plays were handed over to other directors for the West End, presumably on the patronising grounds that his own productions might pass in Scarborough but hardly in Shaftesbury Avenue. It would be interesting to learn how many of his plays he feels were significantly improved by the transfer from the intimacy of the Scarborough staging in the round and by the replacement of the original players by starker casts.

His own antennae as a director are so sensitive, his understanding of his characters (and how to encourage actors how to possess them) so acute, that he has become the very rare exception to the rule that an author should never be

allowed within a hundred miles of his own plays.

For the revival he has long promised himself, Ayckbourn has varied his usual practice and brought in a star, in the meaty person of Michael Gambon. He plays the wealthy bucket merchant whose house, reputedly haunted, is the scene of three levels of cross purposes, in sitting room, master bedroom and attic. With typical Ayckbourn ingenuity, all three rooms are represented on the same ground plan, so that Roland Crabbe (Gambon) can be down stairs pressing tumblers of neat scotch on Tristram, his timorous young solicitor (Adam Godley) while his wife (Elizabeth Bell) strides between them but remains unnoticed, because she is actually on the floor above.

Meanwhile, in the attic, the ex-fiancée (Claire Skinner) of Mrs Crabbe's brother, bored out of his mind by his dreary plans for their future, is also pacing within inches of the others. But if one of us does hear her — and it is usually Tristram, nervously listening out for ghosts — he will look

up at his ceiling and not at her noisy feet a floor or two away though right beside his own.

There is rather less of this non-confrontational humour than might be expected. No one yells for somebody standing only a hair's-breadth away. So in developing further the double-dimmer idea of *How the Other Half Loves*, Ayckbourn seems more intent on seeing how boldly he can knead the dough of conventional staging and still take his audience triumphantly, creating also a depth of plotting impossible to achieve so economically any other way.

The comedy is not an Ayckbourn *pièce noire*, but it contains a heartfelt declaration that we should not let other people plan our lives for their benefit. This is an extremely un-Ayckbournian love-scene between the tongue-tied Tristram, a role to which Godley gives beautifully genuine emotions of politeness, panic and moral fervour.

The dental difficulties that aff-

lict Gambon's immensely civil Crabbe, unembarrassed dealt with by regular labial upheaval, is just the sort of detail that makes an Ayckbourn character recognisable, comic and endearing.

Such details are not frequent enough in his new children's play, *Callisto 5*, set on a space station on a moon of Jupiter where 17-year-old Jim (Simon Cox) lives alone with a robot babysitter — Nigel Anthony in lead-weighted gumboots and brille-pad hair. Jim's parents are briefly seen on the video screen talking about the importance of caring, but they have left him for eight years with a robot programmed to treat him as an infant. There is some comedy in this but too much talk. The children listened carefully and laughed when they could, but the favourite moments came when Jim played with a silver soft-ball that glided when thrown in the air and squawked when bounced. Unfortunately Jim tires of the game before the audience does and nothing else was as much fun.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE

La Bayadere

Covent Garden

AT THE Royal Ballet's first performance of one scene from *La Bayadere* back in 1963, Rudolf Nureyev almost came a cropper in his solo, so Stuart Cassidy need not take it too hard that he stumbled at almost the same point during his debut as Solor on Wednesday. Apart from that, things went well for him: confident acting, zesty dancing, and a good rapport with Lesley Collier's Nikiya. His big solo could gain from a little more weight in the middle section to contrast with the flights of aerial steps which begin and end it, but it would have seemed incredible a quarter century ago that the Royal's dancers would come to take this role so heroically in their stride.

The supple weight as well as soaring strength were present in

DANCE

How to Love a Man

Who Doesn't Love Me

The Place

THE little man in the oversized raincoat gave me a fright screaming behind me like that before running on to the stage. But then this was moderately avant-garde theatre, the screaming and running followed by more of the same, as well as stamping, stomping, jumping, whimpering, grabbing, slapping and moaning.

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In that light, the all-male cast of

12 makes sense. The piece also looks wonderfully minimal in movement, sound and decor, the monochrome figures arranged in stark outline against the white walls and panels of the set.

Lam's vocabulary is more choreographed movement than dance. He proceeds through images of often, in which emotionally separated into strands and put under a microscope. Eventually it clicks that the strange character who has been standing motionless and emotionless like a mannequin must be a metaphor for the others. By the end we witness the birth of the new man: the mannequin character at last moves. He collects the outer clothing which the others discard to emerge like butterflies from their chrysalises.

The nature of the piece, however, means that the emotions are never engaged. These performers, as emotionally stunted characters, have to be grey and anonymous.

NADINE MEISNER

NEW RELEASES

HEAVY PETTING: An amusing cocktail of clips from American sex action film mixed with celebrities recalling their first fornications. (MCA Cinema (071-830 847).

MAMA BLUES (18): Chalky Butler heading nowhere, though the off-beat characters are a delight. Alex Scully as a wandering actor; Fred Ward as a steady cop; Jennifer Jason Leigh as a call-girl caught in the tangle. Produced by Jonathan Demme. Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE NEVERENDING STORY PART 2 (U): A return to the land of the imaginably visually spectacular, but the plot is a jumble and an unrelatable child actor, Jonathan Brandis, spoils some of the fun. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THREE SISTERS (12): Chekhov updated as he has been by the 1980s. Sparks fly from three actresses (Fanny Ardant, Greta Scacchi, Valeria Golino), yet the film stays in low gear. Director, Margherita von Trotta. (Premiere (071-438 447).

BLUE STEEL (18): Tough, blood-soaked police thriller with a feminist slant from director Kathryn Bigelow. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

COMING TO THE PARADISE (18): Alan Parker's romantic drama about the American family fun from writer-producer John Hughes; with Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pantoliano, and Cameron Diaz. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS (18): Rupert Everett and Anthony Quinn, playing the warped Christopher Walken. (Lancaster Cinema (071-830 837).

DEATH WARRANT (18): Action video long Jean-Claude Van Damme as an undercover cop in prison. (Blackboard Cinema (071-830 837).

FLATLINERS (18): Kiefer Sutherland, Julie Roberts and Kevin Bacon as medical

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated) with the symbol (U) on release across the country.

students probing the boundaries between death and life. Director, Joe Schumacher. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE MUSIC TEACHER (U): Belgian tale of a retired opera singer (Jean-Paul Belmondo) who trains two new apprentices (Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jean-Paul Belmondo) in a music school. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

MY BLUE HEAVEN (PG): Steve Martin as an incorrigible animal placed under the wing of a self-named FBI agent (Jack Nicholson). (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE SHELTERMAN (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warm visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG): Noisy, charming feature-length adventure for the new pop culture, full of martial arts mastery, shenanigans, and violence. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

HENRY AND JUNE (18): Anne Rice's passionate affair with Henry Miller in a bedroom. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

GOODFELLAS (18): Martin Scorsese's gangster epic following a New York hoodlum's rise and fall. With Robert De Niro, Lorraine Bracco, and Tony Danza. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

HOME ALONE (PG): Plucky kid left alone at Christmas evens out dumber burglars. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE HOT SPOT (18): Posing socialite and a duplicitous in a busy Texas town, directed by director Dennis Hooper. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE LITTLE NERD (U): Disney's much-loved version of Hans Christian Andersen's fable.

after the fall: Arthur Miller

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR (18): A musical comedy with a twist. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG): A classic tale of four children who find a wardrobe that leads to a magical world. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

BURNING PATIENCE (18): A thriller about a woman who wins the lottery and her husband's greed. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

ETNA JENKS (18): A comedy about a woman who wins the lottery and her husband's greed. (Cannon Cinema (071-830 837).

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Laurie Mayer and Jill Dando
8.50 Daytime UK. A preview of the day's events with Adrian Mills in Manchester and Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in Birmingham
9.00 News, regional news and weather
9.05 Brainwave. Quiz game presented by Andy Craig 9.25 Dash of the Day. Helpful cookery hints from Rosemary Moon 9.30 People Today includes advice for weekend gardeners
10.00 News, regional news and weather
10.05 Children's BBC introduced by "Parkin begins with Playdays (9.10.25) Barney. Cartoon series about a dog (9.10.35) People Today includes report from Scotland by Robert Sprout-Cran.
11.00 News, regional news and weather
11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 11.45 Before Noon
12.00 News, regional news and weather
12.05 Travel Show Extra. A guide to Dover and a report from Manzanillo Lazne in Czechoslovakia 12.20 Scene Today. Judi Spiers and Alan Titchmarsh are joined by Simon Potter for all the showbiz glitz and gossip
12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going For Gold. Quiz game
2.15 Film: Crooks in Cloisters (1993). A monastic novel by C. J. Coady about a gang of crooks who hole up in an island monastery. Starring Barbara Fraser, Bernard Cribbins, Ronald Fraser and Wilfrid Brambell. Directed by Jeremy Summers

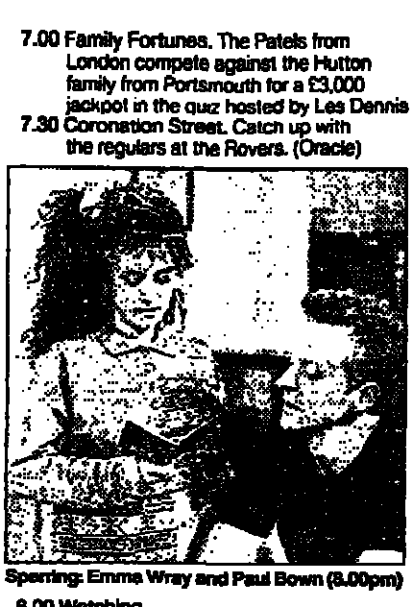
3.50 Touché Turtle. Cartoon about a musketeer turtle (9.35) Corners. Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson with the children's general knowledge show 4.10 The Jetsons. Cartoon
4.35 Record Breakers. Last of the series with Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. They announce the winner of the Guinness Book of Records cover competition and Ron Reagan Jr. rides the world's wildest rollercoaster. Roy meets Carl Lewis, the fastest man on earth, and, in the studio, stars join hundreds of dancers to form the world's longest chorus line
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. Children's drama series set in Tyneside. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland. Sportsweek 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazine.
7.00 Wogan. Tam guests tonight are John Cleese and Paul McCartney.
7.30 Film: Mr. Mum (1993). Static role reversal comedy in which Michael Keaton plays a happy husband who suddenly loses his job. His wife Caroline (Ten Cate) gets a job in an advertising agency and Jack is left holding the baby. And two sons and the domestic fort. Directed by Stan Dragoti
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Marylin Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: The Year of Living Dangerously (1992).
● CHOICE: Peter Weir of Witness and The Year of Living Dangerously this string tale of a young Australian television journalist (Mel Gibson) on his first overseas assignment to a politically volatile Indonesia in 1965.



Mel Gibson and Sigourney Weaver (9.30pm)

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Keynotes. Alistair Davie hosts the musical quiz in which contestants must match lyrics to tunes 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time... The Place... The travelling discussion show tackles another topic in the news
10.40 This Morning. Features on home and family matters, presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley
12.05 Rainbow. Educational entertainment for pre-school children. Guest John Styles entertains with a Victorian theatre puppet show 12.25 Home and Away. Australian soap 12.55 Thames News and weather
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 A Problem Abroad. Viewers' emotional problems are discussed by therapist Dr John Cobb 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Snooker. The start of the final of the World Matchplay Championship from the Barnwood Centre, Essex
3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors
3.55 Paddington Bear. Cartoon fun with the bear from darkest Peru 4.25 Utterly Brilliant. Expert skateboarding Shane Rouse shows presenter Timmy Mallett the skills involved in skateboarding
4.45 Knightmare. Four friends confront the challenging electronic dungeon game
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
5.55 The Day. A short documentary about a crucial day in the life of a member of the public
6.00 Six O'Clock News. Frank Bough presents the regional magazine for London and the south. Guests include Status Quo. Joanne Sheldon steps out with the Bolshoi Ballet's principal dancer and there are reports from Danny Baker



Spending Emma Wray and Paul Brown (8.00pm)

6.00 Family Fortunes. The Patels from London compete against the Hutton family from Portsmouth for a £3,000 jackpot in the quiz hosted by Les Dennis
7.30 Coronation Street. Catch up with the regulars at the Rovers. (Oracle)
8.00 Watching...
● CHOICE. The most popular comedy on ITV drew audiences of between 12.9 and 14.8 million for its last series and is now back for its fifth. These new to Jim Henson's show may wonder why so many people should be hooked on the apparently unremarkable relationship between a spunky young Liverpool lad (Emma Wray) and her dreamy boyfriend (Paul Brown). Like many sitcom partners, these two have their differences and this helps to provide dramatic tension. But the core of the series depends on their staying together and there is no realistic prospect that they will not. The other main strand is the contrast between the hapazard life of Wray and Brown and the settled domesticity of her married sister (Liza Tarbuck), with her cute baby and ambitions of a fitted kitchen. Perhaps the reason for the show's huge success is that the Wray character represents the freedom of spirit that many hanker after but few achieve. (Oracle)
8.30 Film: Quilney - The Thin Bone's Connected to the Kneebone (1976) starring Jack Klugman and Lynette Metlay. A made-for-television mystery in which the grim-faced pathologist investigates a 20-year-old murder after a student presents him with a thigh bone with a nick in it which could have been caused by a bullet. Directed by Alex March. (Oracle)
9.55 Christmas On TV. Preview
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather
10.40 Hooperman. American police series. Hooperman's girlfriend has had a miscarriage and his relationship with her has been affected by the tragedy. They are both slowly forced to accept that maybe they are not right for each other. Starring John Ritter. (Oracle)
11.10 Snooker. Further coverage of the two-day final of the World Matchplay Championship from the Barnwood Centre, Essex.
12.35am We Got It Made. Festive trouble for Mickey, David, Jay, Max and Max Jr when they find themselves locked in the basement on Christmas Eve
1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. Viewers last chance before Christmas to attempt a coherent and lively discourse with the controversial James Whale
2.05 CinemaAttractions. The latest news and behind-the-scenes reports from the American box office
2.35 Ten Pin Bowling. Action from the 1990 Livingston UK open
3.35 Film: Walk a Crooked Path (1969) starring Faith Brook, Tenniel Evans and Patricia Haines. A senior housemaster at a boy's school is accused of assaulting one of the boys. Instantly the melodrama. Directed by John Branson
5.00 ITN Morning News with Gilly Carter ends at 6.00

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Westminster
9.00 It Doesn't Have To Hurt. Painless ways to lose weight
9.10 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943). Stodgy adaptation of Hemingway's tale of love and death in the Spanish civil war starring Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman and Katina Paxinou, who won an Oscar for best supporting actress. Directed by Sam Wood
11.15 After Hours with comedy actor Bill Cosby and boxer Evander Holyfield
11.35 The Invisible Man (r)
12.10 The Treasures of Chuquisaca. An expedition following the path of the Spanish conquistadors (r) 1.10 Holiday Outings to the Greek islands (r) 1.20 Postman Pat (r)
1.35 Under the Sea. Bristol Channel Pilot Cutters (r) 1.55 A Carol for Mr. Eby. The choir at Hay Cathedral sing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
2.00 News and weather followed by Sport on Friday. Includes Tennis: action from the Grand Slam Cup in Munich; Skiing: 2.05 Film: The Day After Tomorrow. Swissland, and Show Jumping from London's Olympia. With news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50
4.00 Catchword. Word game
4.30 Behind the Headlines presented by Sandy Toksvig
5.00 The Naturalists. Many have heard of the National Theatre Company, fewer of the Natural Theatre Company. This engaging little film helps to lift the lid, while suggesting that we cannot take everything it says too seriously. Even the reporter, Drew Stanton, could be a spoof. The Naturalists are a fringe theatre group who started some 20 years ago in Bath and their speciality is taking to the streets in strange costumes. Perhaps the locals have seen it all before, because they seem less surprised than they ought to be. The rest of us might be rather more startled by a fleet of ravens aggressively driving prams, a gang in animal masks or humans with flower pots where their heads should be. From Bath the Naturalists have ventured as far afield as Louisiana, Tokyo and Gatedhead and are a cult in Berlin. They also give hedgewog performances for passing cyclists
5.30 Food and Drink (r)
6.00 Film: Road to Rio (1947, b/w). The series of classic Road to Rio comedies continues as Hope and Crosby stow away on a liner bound for Rio de Janeiro. Dorothy Lamour plays a diamond in slippers. Directed by Norman Krasna
6.30 CHOICE. (Ceefax) Wales: A Way With Numbers 6.25 Remember. Remember 7.05 You Are What You Eat 7.15-7.45 Wales in Westminster
7.35 Animation Now: The Crow and the Canary
7.45 What the Papers Say with Robert Fox of the Daily Telegraph



Street-walking, fun-loving theatre (5.00pm)

8.00 Public Eye: Toys and Television. Peter Taylor looks at the connection between television companies and toy manufacturers, on both sides of the Atlantic, is too close to be healthy
8.30 The Travel Show Guides. Penny Juniper takes the viewer on a tour of the sunny climes of California. (Ceefax)
9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r). (Ceefax)
9.30 Horizon Special: Red Star in Orbit. ● CHOICE. The second part of David Hughes's gripping story of the Soviet space programme. The most ambitious project, to land a man on the moon, then the first dog, man and woman, the pressure for another world triumph was enormous. But having been beaten so badly in the early years, the United States were not only catching up but starting to move ahead. As the world knows, the first man on the moon was not a Soviet cosmonaut but Neil Armstrong. The Soviet Union spent billions of roubles trying to get their man on the moon, only to be outdone by the Americans. The project had never existed. Taking advantage of glasnost to throw light in previously dark corners, Hughes's film is a revealing insight into how Soviet scientists were forced to jettison safety in trying to satisfy the demands of their political masters for yet more space
10.30 Newswatch with Peter Snow
11.20 New West Special. The final programme in the contemporary country music series
11.50 Tennis. Further coverage of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich
12.40am Behind the Headlines (r). Ends at 1.15

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sing and Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Art of Landscape. Beautiful scenery backed by soothing music
11.00 As It Happens. In the Gull, Michael Groth and his camera crew report from a US fleet hospital and from HMS Hurworth
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Pet World. Vet John Wilson continues his exploration of people and their pets with a look at a private pet sanctuary. Clydesdale horses at work and a small dog that travels on wheels (r)
2.30 Film: Summer Madness (1955). David Lean's delightful romantic comedy starring Katharine Hepburn as a lonely spinster secretary on holiday in Venice who falls for the charms of an antique shop owner. Their love affair can never be as easy as in Lean's *Brief Encounter*, the two are forced by circumstances to part for ever. The performances of Hepburn and Rosamund Brandt as the star-crossed lovers are impeccable and the Italian scenery is gorgeous. Hepburn was nominated for an Oscar as was Lean. He had to wait until his next film, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.
4.20 Parade. Animation from Hungary

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz
5.00 Not on Sunday. Theo Soga visits Dartmoor prison to investigate the role of religion behind bars
5.30 American Football: Red 42. The latest from the NFL with Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlich.
6.00 Happy Days. More high school comedy with Henry Winkler and Ron Howard
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Elton John is the guest
7.00 Channel 4 News with John Snow and Zanna Baczak
7.50 Business Daily. Jac Stephen, author and television critic, reviews the stage version of Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*, adapted by Alan Bennett, at the National Theatre. Weather
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)
8.30 Hard News presented by Ray Snoddy. Includes an exploration of media manipulation by Ernest Saunders and examines the sometimes fraught relationship between city journalists and big business; and Melinda Winstock, media correspondent of *The Times*, looks at the way the Press has covered the case of the Birmingham Six over the years
9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Newsroom comedy that was topical on its first showing in September (r)
9.30 Views of Kew: The Green Ark. The last in an attractive series on the Royal Botanic Gardens, goes behind the scenes to look at the scientific and conservation work being done there (Teletext)

10.00 The Golden Girls. Sharp American comedy with the mature Florida ladies. Blanche tries to sell a rented Mercedes to attract wealthy men and Sophia comes into money from a very different source. With Betty White, Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty. (Teletext)
10.30 The Louie Anderson Show. The American stand-up comedian with his views of life
11.00 The World presented live from Universal Studios, Hollywood, by Terry Christian and Amanda De Cadenet. The comedy includes Richard Carpenter, who will be presented with a triple platinum disc for his album *Only Yesterday*, Ricki Lake, star of *Cry Baby*, country singer Dwight Yoakam, and Tony Ciccare, a stunt man who has appeared in the films *Christina* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*
12.00 Dancetopia. Hot movement from the dance floor of London's Brixton Academy.
1.00am Film: It Came from Hollywood (1982). A collection of some of Hollywood's worst on-screen moments, taken mostly from tawdry B movies such as *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*, *Invasion of the Nephilim* and *Became Mixed-Up Zombies*. Linking this collage of surreal scenes from the dark side of Hollywood are Dan Aykroyd, John Wood, John Wood and Chong and Gilda Radner. Directed by Andrew Solt and Malcolm Leo. Ends at 2.30

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Disposals help Stakis top £30m

HEFTY profits on disposals, totalling £17.1 million, and almost £11 million of capitalised interest on new developments sent pre-tax profits at Stakis, the Scottish hotels and leisure group, ahead from £27.1 million to £30.6 million in the year to end-September.

A final dividend of 1.8p (1.6p) makes a total of 2.7p for the year, up from last year's total payment of 2.31p.

Earnings per share expanded to 12.06p (9.22p).

The company issued a warning that difficult times in the hotel trade would take their toll on future trading, while further profits from disposals would be limited.

Charles Bystram, the deputy chairman, said: "This year is going to be very tough and I don't think one is going to be in a position to sell hotels."

"Life is going to be difficult for lots of people. We will not have a bonanza. We're looking at the future very realistically."

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Greenall payout goes up 15%

Greenall Whitley, the public houses-to-hotels chain, made pre-tax profits of £52.2 million, up 19.6 per cent, in the year to end-September on sales up by only 1 per cent at £497 million.

Earnings per share rose 24.5 per cent to 38.1p and the final dividend is 6p, making 10p for the year, an increase of 15 per cent.

The shares fell 13p to 324p.

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J&FB results ahead 21%

Johnson & Firth Brown, the specialist metals and engineering group, increased its taxable profits by 21 per cent to £12.3 million during the year to the end of September.

There is a final dividend of 2p a share, making a total of 3p against 2.6p last time, payable from earnings a share of 6.4p, up 23 per cent.

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US dollar 1.9440 (same)

German mark 2.8781 (+0.0039)

Exchange index 93.5 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1704.9 (+12.7)

FT-SE 100 2172.2 (+15.3)

New York Dow Jones 2616.09 (-6.19)

Tokyo Nikkei Ave 24642.97 (+643.56)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%

3-month Interbank 13% 13% 13%

3-month eligible bills 13% 13% 13%

US: Prime Rate 10%

Federal Funds 7 1/4%

3-month Treasury Bill 6.75-6.77%

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Weaving a sad story in textiles

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DAVID BREWERTON

Neville Bain picked a fine time to move from Cadbury Schweppes to chief executive of Coats Viyella when he made his switch in September. Instead of spending the run-up to Christmas counting the number of chocolate tree novelties, tooth-rotting gift packs and bottles of fizzy mixers that will be consumed over the festive season, he is having to think how to structure a string of cottage industries in textiles to cope with recession.

His first meeting with analysts in his new sector will be one that he would wish not to have undertaken. Instead of being able to outline his grand plans, brought to textiles after 27 years in chocolate, he has to deliver the sorry message that profits will be at the bottom of the range and that the final dividend, if maintained, is unlikely to be covered by after-tax earnings.

The news might be welcome to Tootal, which sits in daily dread of the early morning drop that will tell the company it is again in play to Coats Viyella, but it will be just another sorry reminder that the textile industry in this

country is never far from extinction. In the past few weeks, we have seen distress signals from Dawson International, one of the most modern and most market-led of the fraternity, and a number of other unmistakable symptoms of deep recession. Textiles feed the high street, and the consumer is off his feed. The stock chains have become shorter, and pain in retailing is felt instantly further back in the chain.

None of this is likely to prompt a sudden reversal of economic policy, even if today's retail price index does drop obediently back into single figures. But one aspect of the pain being felt by industry which Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, could address, and where he could make his name as a minor reforming Chancellor, is in advance corporation tax. The current structure means that as British profits sag, the effective tax rate rises. It is a problem afflicting Coats, and Tatalgar

House among others, and is a distortion which needs to be addressed. The problem is nothing new, and some companies have even gone so far as to make acquisitions simply to increase the proportion of British profits, rather than for any sound industrial reason.

In the meantime, industry has the uncomfortable feeling that the new prime minister is not aware of the depth of the recession into which this country is slipping. They worry that he still listens intently to the Treasury rather than to the industrialists at the coalface. Industry, faced with rapidly deteriorating conditions and wholesale loss of confidence, is seeking to reassure itself that if

only the prime minister knew how bad it all was, he would take action to reverse the decline and stimulate the economy. There may just be a nugget of reality in the skipful of self-delusion, in that the more industry squeals the harder it may be for Messrs Major and Lamont to stand their ground.

Cracked glass

The merger of Waterford and Wedgwood, two of the finest names in tableware the world over, should have been a marriage made in heaven. It turned instead into something closer to a nightmare. Waterford's glass is to Ireland

as Gucci is to Italy or Rolls-Royce to Britain. Industrially however, Waterford has seemed more like Ireland's British Leyland in its worst days of outright strife between management and unions.

While Waterford's management grappled unsuccessfully with its militant unions, losses in the crystal division have soared to £160 million in the past three years. Only steady profits from Wedgwood — it contributed almost £40 million in 1988 and 1989 — kept the group on an even keel.

In desperation, management let it be known it was considering a shift of production facilities to Czechoslovakia, a master stroke of how not to promote harmony on the factory floor.

Small wonder that the workers' response to further cost-cutting proposals early this year and a fresh injection of equity from a consortium of American investors, led by Heinz chief executive

Tony O'Reilly and Morgan Stanley, was a 14-week strike which cost more than £10 million.

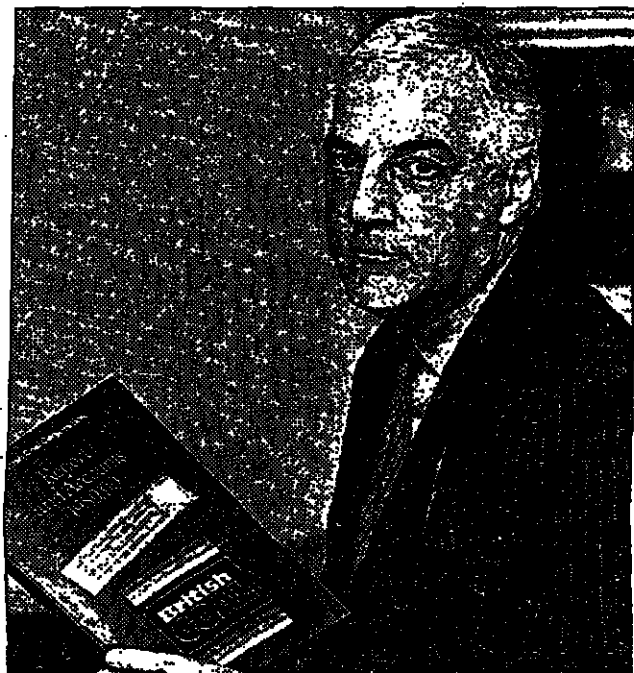
The departure of chief executive Paddy Byrne after this catalogue of disaster is hardly a surprise.

But the latest management plans to restore the group to an even keel are by no means easy to understand. For until the details emerge, they appear to fly in the face of conventional management wisdom.

Under the guise of restoring autonomy to the crystal and china operations, separate boards and management structures are to be created. It is difficult to avoid the view that some duplication will result. The board's assurance that considerable cost savings will result must be taken with a pinch of salt, for the time being at least.

Until the board reveals its plans in detail, there will be at least the suspicion among the workers and in the City that the separation has more to do with paving the way for a sale of the highly sought-after Wedgwood operations if ever the financial need became dire.

Coal chief's future rests with electorate



Neil Clarke: facing difficult market conditions

THE role of Neil Clarke as chairman of British Coal will largely be determined by events outside his control. His future rests with the result of the next general election.

For the electorate, the choice could hardly be more clear. If John Major and the Conservatives are returned, the pledge to privatise the coal industry given by Cecil Parkinson when he was energy secretary will be kept. If Neil Kinnock and the Labour party are elected, coal privatisation will be nothing more than a conservative dream.

Until then, British Coal officials privately believe that what Mr Clarke can best do is carry on where Lord Haslam will leave off when he steps down at the end of the month. Lord Haslam's priorities have been to improve British Coal's efficiency and to help ready the industry for the privatisation. The latter has been an ideological objective of the Conservatives since the formation of the 1978 plan for the nationalised industries by Nicholas Ridley.

Mr Clarke inherits an industry in which a substantial part of that plan has been achieved. In what was in effect a farewell speech, Lord Haslam last week rehearsed the litany: since the end of the year-long miners' strike in 1985, the number of pits is down from 170 to 69; employees down from 221,000 to 78,000; production costs down 40 per cent; productivity up from 2.37 tonnes per man-shift to a record 5.01 tpm. From the huge losses of earlier years, the light of profit is glimpsed at the end of the tunnel: with an operating profit of about £150 million for the first eight months of the year, the winter months should lift that to £250 million, giving the first bottom-line profit, of about £100 million, for 13 years.

Lord Haslam was proud of the achievement: "The turnaround in the industry's performance since the dark days of the miners' strike has been, arguably, the most rapid, fundamental and relatively trouble-free restructuring of any major UK business since the second world war."

Some at British Coal will be sceptical about whether Mr Clarke is the right man to carry forward Lord Haslam's work. But those who helped select the new chairman are firm in Mr Clarke's praise: they say his background in mining work at Charter Consolidated stands him in good stead for the job, which he will do part time until a successor is found for him as chairman of Molins.

Tyack's, the headhunting group, began final work on the British Coal job in July, approaching up to 60 people. It was a hard grind. Some turned the job down flat. Staying on was suggested to

Lord Haslam, but he made it clear he was determined to go at the end of the year. Mr Clarke emerged the victor, although some are likely to see the difficulties still facing British Coal as so substantial as to make the victory a pyrrhic one.

Educated at Rugby and with a law degree from London University, Mr Clarke qualified as a chartered accountant and after specialising in company taxation, moved to Charter Consolidated in 1969. He eventually became managing director in 1979, chief executive a year later and deputy chairman in 1982. After the collapse of Johnson

Matthey's banking operation, he was appointed chairman of the precious materials group until he resigned last year. Mr Clarke, aged 56, is married with three children.

Regardless of privatisation, Mr Clarke will have to wrestle with the most difficult market conditions the British coal industry has ever faced. British Coal has a three-year breathing space with its main customers, the electricity generators, by means of a contract guaranteeing sales of 70 million tonnes for the first two years and 65 million for the third. Whether British Coal wins further contracts with the generators will largely be up to Mr Clarke.

He will also be pressed by the continuing need to "green" the industry as far and as fast as possible. The reduced but still potent figure of Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, will also still be there. Even though the NUM was beaten in the strike, and now has virtually no negotiating role at British Coal, Mr Scargill remains an important factor in the industry.

Privatisation, however, is the big issue. While some Labour party leaders might yearn secretly for a privatised coal industry to see off Mr Scargill for good, a conservative general election victory would lay down a full agenda for Mr Clarke. For a re-elected conservative government, coal privatisation is possible by taking it to market and selling shares in the manner of electricity, gas and others, but unlikely the betting is that the spectre of Mr Scargill alone would be enough to scare away would-be buyers.

More likely is an outright sale — Lord Hanson is mentioned as the most likely buyer — although a John Major government might balk at shifting a monopolistic nationalised industry in the public sector to what would be a similar position in private hands. From January 1, Lord Haslam gratefully gives up the burden, and Mr Clarke begins to await his fate.

PHILIP BASSETT
Industrial Editor

Avoid short stay in Stakis shares

TEMPUS

EVEN hardened leisure sector analysts were taken aback by the ghostliness of the figures from Stakis yesterday, when borrowings of £151 million were matched with clean full-year profits that failed to reach £3 million.

On the face of it, pre-tax profits of £30.6 million in the year to end-September were 13 per cent higher than those of the previous year. But they included £17.1 million from disposals and £10.9 million of capitalised interest.

Against this, the company's interest charges rose from £3.7 million to £8.9 million. A clean profits figure of £2.62 million, therefore, should arguably be set against a comparable £18.2 million last time.

Stakis has long claimed that its policy of transforming a distinctly lacklustre hotels portfolio into an upmarket chain, relying on its Country Court brand, would inevitably generate profits from disposals that should come in above the tax line.

But the latest triennial revaluation, which gave a net asset value of 131p against a share price 1p lower at 47p yesterday, will combine with the lack of buyers for hotels to bring these profits to a halt this year.

Trading conditions, meanwhile, remain difficult, with room occupancy rates only held up by heavy discounting. The three Country Courts will take another year or more to come into their full potential. The board was keen to stress its conservative dividend policy yesterday. Well it might: it is about the only aspect of the accounts that deserves the label.

Fubs, casinos and restaurants are hardly an effective counterbalance, given the current climate, to the hotels division. At least one big player north of the border has looked Stakis over and walked away, while the shares have halved over the past 12

months. Pre-tax profits of £20 million this year put the shares on a multiple of little more than 6.

The quality of earnings can only improve as the new hotels, pubs and casinos come on stream. Long-term gamblers, therefore, might take the view that the shares have bottomed out, while holders might as well hang on for the upturn. In the short term, the shares are best avoided.

Greenall Whitley

IT HAS been a year of upheaval for Greenall Whitley. The one-time brewer has closed its breweries, with the loss of 700 jobs, and emerged as a leisure company, concentrating on running pubs, hotels and restaurants.

Greenall pushed profits above analysts' expectations for the year to end-September, but the City responded curiously, marking the shares down 13p to 324p. Followers were disappointed both with the make up of the profits and with the unexpectedly high number for group reorganisation costs.

Pre-tax profits for the year rose 19.6 per cent to £62.2 million on sales up 1 per cent at £497 million. Earnings per share rose 24.5 per cent to 38.1p and the final dividend is 6p making 10p for the year, an increase of 15 per cent.

The healthy profit increase is due partly to a reduced tax charge and partly to higher than expected property profits at £12.2 million (£7.7 million). The interest charge has fallen to £18.6 million (£19.2 million) and the underlying operating profit rose by 6.5 per cent to £68.5 million.

The figures include a £57 million extraordinary charge, which included £48.8 million of brewery closure costs, £15.6 million of writedowns and

rationalisation costs in the American hotels division and £14.5 million of group reorganisation costs. The charges were offset by a £22 million gain on the sale of the group's interest in Vladimir Vodka.

Pubs and brewing increased profits by just 5 per cent to £38.8 million, affected by declining beer volumes. The brewery had not been profitable, but the managed and tenanted houses both increased profits. The Premier House restaurant chain increased profits by 15.9 per cent and the hotels division, which includes the De Vere chain, had a good first half but began to suffer in the second half. Treadway Inns in America had a difficult time. Earnings have fallen to 20 per cent.

The group is cautious about trading in the current year and the hotel and more expensive restaurants are likely to suffer further with the recession. Greenall is set to make about £73 million this year, but only with the help of some £12 million of property profits. The shares are trading on roughly nine times earnings, not expensive for a brewer but a bit on the high side for a leisure stock.

Johnson & Firth Brown

IT IS not often that the City urges an engineering company to go out and spend money on acquisitions, but that is proving to be the case with Johnson & Firth Brown.

J&FB is sitting on a cash pile of around £17 million and benefiting from high interest rates.

Yet last year the company achieved a return on equity of no less than 20 per cent, comfortably exceeding the best rates offered by its

bankers. Taxable profits for the year to the end of September were 21 per cent higher at £12.3 million while earnings rose 23 per cent to 6.4p a share.

A final dividend of 2p a share makes 3p for the year, against 2.6p last time.

Boostered by a higher than anticipated interest receivable of almost £800,000, results came in at the top end of City expectations and the shares, quiet of late, climbed 3p to 53p.

Yet a cautious statement on current trading prompted analysts to trim back their forecasts to around £11.8 million pre-tax, still respectable against other recent results from the sector, putting the shares on a p/e of less than nine, offering a yield of eight per cent.

Ironically, the prospect of lower interest rates is a factor in the downgradings. However, this may provide the ideal opportunity to build up holdings.

J&FB has proved adept at squeezing better than average margins from mature businesses, notably from Firth Rixson in forgings and castings.

Commercial aerospace accounts for 25 per cent of turnover but business is otherwise broadly spread.

Takeover speculation faded when Suter sold its 7 per cent stake last year but there may be renewed interest in a solid performer with almost one quarter of its market capitalisation sitting in the bank.

This prospect should provide further incentive, if any were needed, to take advantage of its strong financial position and seek out some of the bargains which are likely to become available as the recession deepens. The recent acquisition of Cobden Chadwick, a manufacturer of printing presses, from the receivers proves that J&FB is not afraid of raiding the piggy bank.

BOC chief ready to hand over to successor in 1992

RICHARD Giordano, the American chairman and chief executive of BOC Group, the Surrey-based industrial gases company, is to bow out in 1992.

He will be succeeded as chief executive by Patrick Rich, 59, a Frenchman from Alsace-Lorraine, currently deputy chairman, next year. Mr Rich will take on the dual role one year later.

Mr Giordano, 56, said he originally wanted to leave the company in October 1989. "I told my board that I wanted to do this job for ten years," he said. "Ten years would have been long enough from my standpoint and the company's. I also believe that these jobs should be capped to ten years anyway." His decision to stay on as chairman until 1992, he said, is to ensure an orderly transfer of responsibility to Mr Rich, who moved to Britain earlier this year, when he took over as deputy chairman.

Mr Rich, who joined the board of BOC in 1983 as a non-executive director, was formerly chief executive of Alcan Aluminium SA, and spent a number of years working in Canada and South America. He said he was greatly concerned about the possibility of a failure of the Gatt negotiations, which might lead to a trade war and the establishment of large trading blocks. The damage of a Gatt failure, to companies like BOC, which operate factories in the US and the Far East, would be limited but he said the overall economic consequences could be severe.

businessman, and last year managed a respectable £937,000. He took over as chief executive in 1979 and took the chairmanship in 1985.

Mr Rich speaks five languages, his native French, English, German, Portuguese and Spanish. Both men claimed there was no symbolism attached to the choice of 1992 for the transfer, but they admitted that during the 1990s the company, whose European presence is still small, will increasingly thrust itself upon the continental European market.

BOC was one of Britain's most successful companies in the 1980s during which period the share price rose over tenfold.

Mr Giordano said he considers his company's prosperity during the period as his greatest achievement, while his greatest regret was not to have made even more money for his shareholders.

Mr Giordano has frequently expressed concern about short-termism in British industry. "I still think it [short-termism] is a problem. It is implicit in our business environment. Everyone blames everyone else. But it is important that we recognise it exists. I sense that there is a feeling to brush it aside like a social disease," he said.

Mr Giordano will stay on as a non-executive director after he has relinquished his posts. He said he has not made any firm plans for his future.

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European Business

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So long partners

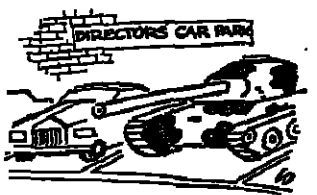
THE 39 Barclays de Zoete Wedd employees who lost their jobs in a rationalisation of the firm's UK equity division, include six former partners of Wedd Duracher, once the top jobbing firm in the City. The one-time partners are among 12 door and makers shown the door and are Nick Fyler, John Pegrum, Colin "Noddy" Noddy, Derek Sansom, George Colmer and Colin Brown. Simon Earl, a convertibles market-maker was also made redundant. The 15 UK equity division had been, arguably, the most rapid, fundamental and relatively trouble-free restructuring of any major UK business since the second world war.

CONDEMNED by their own words... a BZW circular on the financials sector, published on Tuesday, was headed "The lights dim in investment banking". The third paragraph said: "It is surely only a

the City and within the securities industry it would defy credibility if there were not further withdrawals."

Spoilt for choice

PETER Ward and Gerry Boxall, due to join the main board at Vickers in January, will receive more than the usual congratulatory letters. A traditional perk for all Vickers directors, because it owns the Rolls-Royce motor car company, is a choice of either a Bentley or a Rolls. Ward, aged 45, already has a Bentley Turbo, since he runs Rolls-Royce Motors, but Boxall, aged 54, and chief executive of Vickers Defence Systems,



manufacturer of Challenger 2 tanks, will now be able to upgrade his company car. While he decides which model to plump for, Ward has signalled the old debate as to whether a Bentley or a Rolls is more expensive. Excluding specialist coach-built models, the top of the range Bentley Turbo R is now £4,000 more expensive — at £108,994.22 — than the top of the range Rolls Royce Silver Spur. When Ward joined Rolls-Royce seven years ago a Bentley was significantly cheaper. "But the

says, adding that the Rolls is designed for people who like to be chauffeured, with a smoother ride and more regal appearance, while the Bentley is targeted at entrepreneurs of the baby boom era, who want to drive the car themselves. "It has a younger, sportier image." It follows then that Bentleys are driven much more and that, after two years, the average Bentley will, according to Ward, have 40,000 miles on the clock, compared with 10,000 on a Rolls-Royce.

SO INDUSTRIAL are Japan's white collar workers that, according to a survey conducted by Fukuoka Life Insurance in Tokyo's stock market district, 40 per cent now fear that they could actually die from overwork.

Al be seeing you

CREDIT Suisse First Boston has lost yet another of its key employees, this time Al Noor Ramji, who was head of its treasury operation. Ramji, who had been with CSFB for six years, joins Swiss Bank Corporation next week as head of its systems department. "He will be responsible for all our systems development and computer operations," says a delighted spokesman for SBC. "He is very well known and one of the best in his field."

Racing in

DESPITE his own troubles, George Waller via his wife

stepped in to help a racing charity left in the lurch after the downfall of Levitt Group. Levitt had pledged £150,000 to help Race Aid, which aims to raise £1 million in 1991 for Royal Marsden Hospital's cancer appeal, but it had only given £20,000. "The racing industry is cancer-prone because of all the bruising and injuries suffered by jockeys," says Malcolm Harrison, one of its organisers. Since an anonymous donor telephoned to say he will guarantee Race Aid has sufficient support. William Hill has offered administrative and promotional help and the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, has volunteered to host a fund raising ball in April. A number of top jockeys and trainers have promised to donate 1 per cent of their 1991 earnings and owner Fred Barr has promised 5 per cent.

After mourning

CHAMPAGNE sales are expected to fall 10 per cent in Britain next year because of the recession and price rises. But Sir Winston Churchill's favourite grande marque is none the less sanguine about the future. Pol Roger, in Epernay, has finally replaced the black border on their finest product, the Sir Winston Churchill Cuvée. A quarter of a century after his death they have come out of mourning and inserted a navy blue border to mark his years as First Lord of the Admiralty.



Regrettably it's no storm in a teacup

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expected a rise of up to 2 per cent. The index ended just 0.56 points higher at 1,517.80. ● Singapore — Prices ended firmer but off their highs on profit-taking after fairly active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 10.46 to 1,195.15. (Reuters)

French lose taste for water and sell two big stakes

The graph displays two data series over a 12-month period from December to December. The 'FTA All-share Index (Redwood)' is represented by a jagged line that starts at a high level, fluctuates, and then shows a significant downward trend starting in July, reaching a low point in August before recovering. The 'Share price' is represented by a smoother line that follows a similar but less volatile path, also showing a dip in August and a recovery in September. The x-axis is labeled with months from Dec to Dec, and the y-axis is labeled with values from 100 to 140.

Month	FTA All-share Index (Redwood)	Share price
Dec	135	115
Jan	138	118
Feb	135	115
Mar	138	118
Apr	135	115
May	138	118
Jun	135	115
Jul	138	118
Aug	115	105
Sep	125	115
Oct	120	110
Nov	125	115
Dec	120	110

Bid speculation lifted Trafalgar House, the construction and property group, by 6p to 198p. The speculators are talking about a bid soon from either Hanson or BTR. Trafalgar reported a sharp drop in pre-tax profits last week, reflecting the recession in the building industry and the collapse in the property market. But it managed to maintain the dividend, which the City took to be a defensive

hopes for a cut in interest rates

group, was suspended at 574p at the company's request as was the rival Shanks & McEwan at £12.95. This immediately started speculation that the groups were about to propose a merger.

The Asda supermarket chain eased 2p to 121p in the wake of a downgrading by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. The interim figures next

But Kleinwort says that conditions have deteriorated further since then – especially in the non-foods side.

MICHAEL CLARK

Index jumps 643 points

Tokyo
PRICES closed higher as heavy index-linked buying overwhelmed selling which was spurred by yesterday's expiration of the December futures contract. The Nikkei index closed up 643.56 points, or 2.68 per cent, at 24,642.97. It was the Nikkei's seventh consecutive day of gains.

● **Hong Kong** — Stocks ended easier, showing little reaction to strong performances on Wall Street and in Tokyo. The Hang Seng index slid 10.67 points to 3,150.12. (Reuters)

RISES:	
Grand Met	650p (+15p)
EGCO Group	322½p (+10p)
Gleco	873½p (+12p)
Glaxo	230p (+5p)
Telecom	119½p (+25p)
Teletex	119½p (+25p)
Eurotunnel Units	387½p (+18p)
Granger	140p (+15p)
Hammerson 'A'	628½p (+27p)
Harrold Group	873½p (+12p)
Redland	579p (+10p)
THORN EMI	673½p (+15p)
BICC	382p (+15p)
Sothelys	567½p (+25p)
Smithline Beech	618p (+16p)
Reuters	683p (+17p)
FALLS:	
Tootal	70p (-10p)
Courtauld Text	236½p (-11p)
Bradstock	253p (-20p)
Henderson Admin	535p (-10p)
Carson Wylie	89p (-15p)

New York:	
Dow Jones	2616.09 (-6.19)*
S&P Composite	329.24 (-0.56)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	24642.97 (+643.56)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3150.12 (-10.67)
FT-SE Eurotrack	996.21 (+2.40)
Amsterdam:	
CSX Textindex	97.6 (+0.2)
Sydney: ATO	1319.7 (-3.3)
Frankfurt: DAX	1517.80 (+0.59)
Brussels:	
General	5120.66 (+11.70)
Paris: CAC	442.88 (+1.68)
Zurich: SKA Gen	480.7 (+1.6)
FT - A All-Share	1044.39 (+6.63)
FT - "300"	1147.61 (+6.68)
FT Gold Mines	139.1 (-2.7)
FT Fixed Interest	81.02 (-0.15)
Govt Secs	83.31
SEAC Volume	31637
SEAC Turnover	863.6M
US (Dallas) time	107.75 (+0.80)

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange Index compared with 1985 was up at 93.5 (day's range 93.3-93.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

OTHER STERLING RATES

Market rates for December 13

	Range	Close	1 month	3 months
New York	1.9435-1.9515	1.9435-1.9445	1.08-1.09	2.02-2.03
London	2.2515-2.2557	2.2515-2.2525	0.44-0.45	0.83-0.84
Frankfurt	2.3425-2.3465	2.3425-2.3435	19-21	37-39
Brussels	50.41-50.72	50.49-50.72	25-29	61-65
Copenhagen	11.0613-11.0653	11.07-11.074	35-36	71-73
Geneva	1.070-1.074	1.071-1.074	35-36	71-73
Frankfurt	2.5745-2.5778	2.5745-2.5778	11-14	34-35
Paris	2.1675-2.1705	2.1675-2.1685	10-11	28-29
Madrid	12.95-18.043	12.95-13.564	4-10	35-45
Milan	2163.21-2172.51	2167.50-2171.00	5-20	6-50
Rome	11.270-11.285	11.270-11.285	95-100	195-200
Stockholm	3.9745-3.9757	3.9745-3.9757	35-36	71-73
Paris	10.8345-10.8354	10.8345-10.8354	9-11	11-15
London	20.20-20.22	20.20-20.22	95-100	195-200
Venice	20.20-20.22	20.20-20.22	95-100	195-200
London	2.4560-2.4600	2.4570-2.4600	11-12	37-39

Prisatioes = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.8200-1.8295	Denmark	5.8910-5.8960	Italy	30.55-30.55
Belgium	7.1710-7.1710	France	6.55-6.57	Belgium (Cont)	27.70-27.70
Malaysia	2.5522-2.5532	Switzerland	1.2820-1.2827	Hong Kong	15.197-15.203
Australia	1.9135-1.9137	Netherlands	5.6775-1.6865	Portugal	180.25-180.65
Switzerland	1.6100-1.6100	Denmark	6.010-6.020	Spain	166.50-167.50
Netherlands	5.6770-5.6770	France	131.80-131.90	Austria	13.07-13.30
Sweden	5.7980-5.8000				
Norway	5.7980-5.8000				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Excl.

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THIRD MARKET

Source: Reference rates Sept 28, 1990 to Oct 31, 1990.
Scheme IV, V: 14.19% per cent.

Spot Silver: \$4.00-4.02 (02.05-03.05)
Rates supplied by Beard & Co

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES										
	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100						Three month ECU				
Mar 91	2170.0	2184.0	2165.0	2182.0	28918	Dec 90	89.80	89.50	89.50	1560
Mar 92	2208.0	2224.0	2180.0	2225.0	1778	Dec 91	89.80	89.50	89.50	1594
Three Month Sterling						Treasury Bond				
Mar 91	95.24	95.34	95.10	95.30	20801	Mar 91	87.20	87.20	87.20	187
Mar 92	95.24	95.34	95.10	95.30	20801	Long Gilt				
Three Month Eurodollar						Mar 91	90.14	90.01	90.14	25920
Mar 91	92.76	92.87	92.76	92.87	27674	Mar 91	90.14	90.01	90.01	259
Three Month Eurodollar						Japanese Gov Bond				
Mar 91	92.76	92.87	92.76	92.76	2899	Mar 91	95.15	95.00	95.00	112
Mar 92	92.76	92.87	92.76	92.76	3511	German Gov Bond				
Three Month Eurodollar						Mar 91	84.02	84.44	84.02	7999
Mar 91	90.83	90.83	90.76	90.76	5962	Mar 91	84.16	84.44	84.16	84.44
Mar 92	90.83	90.83	90.76	90.76	5962					

COMMODITIES				
LONDON FOX				
COGSA	AMT Futures	Mar 75-77.5	Mar 77-77.5	Mar 77-77.5
Dec 84-85.5	Jan 85-85.5	Dec 85-85.5	Jan 86-86.0	Jan 86-86.0
Mar 86-86.0	Mar 86-86.0	Mar 86-86.0	Mar 86-86.0	Mar 86-86.0
May 725-725	May 730-730	May 730-730	May 730-730	May 730-730
Jul 757-757	Jul 757-757	Jul 757-757	Jul 757-757	Jul 757-757
COFFE	AMT Futures	Mar 83-84.0	Mar 84-84.0	Mar 84-84.0
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Magazine creates worldwide forum among inventors

A MONTHLY publication for inventors trying to turn ideas into a business has proved so popular that it is more than doubling the number of issues and going international (Rodney Hobson writes).

A trial run of the *Inventors* news bulletin began six months ago. *Inventors*, the publisher, intended to produce ten issues a year for distribution solely in Britain.

Because of the response from subscribers, in large companies as well as small businesses, the publication is this month renamed *Inventors International* and it becomes a bi-monthly.

It will be sent to America, Japan and the rest of Europe as well as being available in Britain. The annual subscription is £252.

Ideas in the latest issue include a

MR FRIDAY



'It's where my office rents have gone'

bath overflow alarm, a system for cleaning under yachts without removing them from the water, a safety guard for cookers and a personal organiser book rest. A pair of gloves wired to a typewriter keyboard teach touch-typing by emitting a beep when the correct key is touched.

The company was founded in 1982 to bridge the gap between industry and the vast pool of British inventors' ideas.

Inventors acts as a sales company, identifying potentially viable products and negotiating licensing agreements with manufacturers and marketing companies.

The company says it is in contact with 4,000 inventors every year.

Richard Paine, the marketing director of *Inventors*, said: "We will feature in each issue current new product ideas covering fields such as high-tech, software, medical, do-it-yourself, building, fast food, consumer and household products."

"By representing new product ideas in a professional manner to manufacturers, we offer a valuable insight into new commercial opportunities available."

"At the same time, we offer inventors a very real platform from which to promote their ideas and bring them to the attention of industry and to finalise licensing agreements."

Inventors is based at 5, Clippstone Street, London W1. Telephone: 071-323 4323.

Cantering goes against the grain

By Rodney Hobson

SANTA Claus and Wendy Mackie know that making Christmas presents takes all year. Soon after this year's festivities end Mrs Mackie will be back in her workshop carving rocking-horses.

She says: "Over the years I have done a lot of woodwork. I made my own kitchen. I adore carpentry and I adore horses and making rocking-horses is a great way of combining the two."

Mrs Mackie set up Rowan Rocking Horses, her one-woman business, on a small farm near Londonderry, Northern Ireland, three years ago, when a friend visiting from London asked her to make a wooden horse. Last year, with a farm diversification grant, she installed a workshop.

It is a labour intensive business. Apart from carving the wood, Mrs Mackie has to be a leather worker and an artist. She says: "I start with planks of wood and sides of leather. I make the whole thing from scratch."

The leather work is intricate and the seven coats of paint are painstakingly applied by hand.

A horse is likely to take six weeks from start to finish, absorbing 100 hours of work, so only 30 horses have been made over the past three years. Each is unique, with the name of the child it is meant for carved onto the rockers. The horse also bears its own name, chosen by the buyer.

She says: "I make them individually for each family. Customers have a chance to make some input into the design. They can choose the colour of the horse, including its mane and tail, and also the colour of the leather."

Most horses are her own design



Carving success: Wendy Mackie, with one of the horses, in her workshop near Londonderry

and are more realistic than traditional models. They are built to give the appearance of movement with one foreleg lifted.

Materials are chosen carefully. The wood must not warp or twist in a centrally heated room and Mrs Mackie has found that obeche, a west African hardwood, is best for the body and red mahogany for the rockers.

Demand is seasonal, with a couple of orders during the year and the rest of the sales at Christ-

mas. She is often in the workshop until 10pm during the autumn.

That means a heavy work schedule for Mrs Mackie, who has four children to look after as well as helping to feed and milk cattle. However, she does not want to take on staff, even for just the basic work.

Prices range from £750 to £1,000. A shop in London would probably be able to charge twice as much but Mrs Mackie sells only direct to customers. About half

her sales have been in Northern Ireland and the rest in England and Scotland. One horse went to the Shetland Islands, where it would have measured up to a pony.

Mrs Mackie also restores rocking horses, although restoration can take just as long as starting from scratch. She says: "Customers think it just needs a coat of paint and a new bridle but when you start work it falls to pieces in your hands."

BRIEFINGS

■ **SMALL** businesses could be badly affected by government changes to the statutory sick pay scheme now going through Parliament, according to the Forum of Private Business (FPB), the small firms lobby group. The plan is to cut back the amount of statutory sick pay claimable by employers from 100 per cent to 80 per cent, and to an offset of £200 million and £250 million of reduced employer National Insurance contributions. Small firms will face an increased paperwork burden and a greater cost in complying with a changed system, the FPB claims.

■ Computerisation is not the panacea for small businesses if their control systems are in a mess, according to the Manual Business Systems Association. It says that good systems are the key and for many businesses manual systems are appropriate, especially since they are cheaper than computer systems. The association has produced a video cassette to help firms choose the right system. More details from the association at 44 High Street, Ecclestone, Staffordshire ST21 6BZ; phone 0785 850811.

■ A three stage course for Scottish business managers is being run in Edinburgh by Innovative Management. An introductory seminar on January 26-27 is followed by a five-week evening course in February-March and a consultancy service in March-April. Stage one costs £199, stage two £180 and stage three £500. Details: 031-557 2222.

■ A reference guide to community charges on empty properties has been drawn up by Black Horse Relocation, the Lloyds Bank subsidiary, to help business relocating staff estimate costs.

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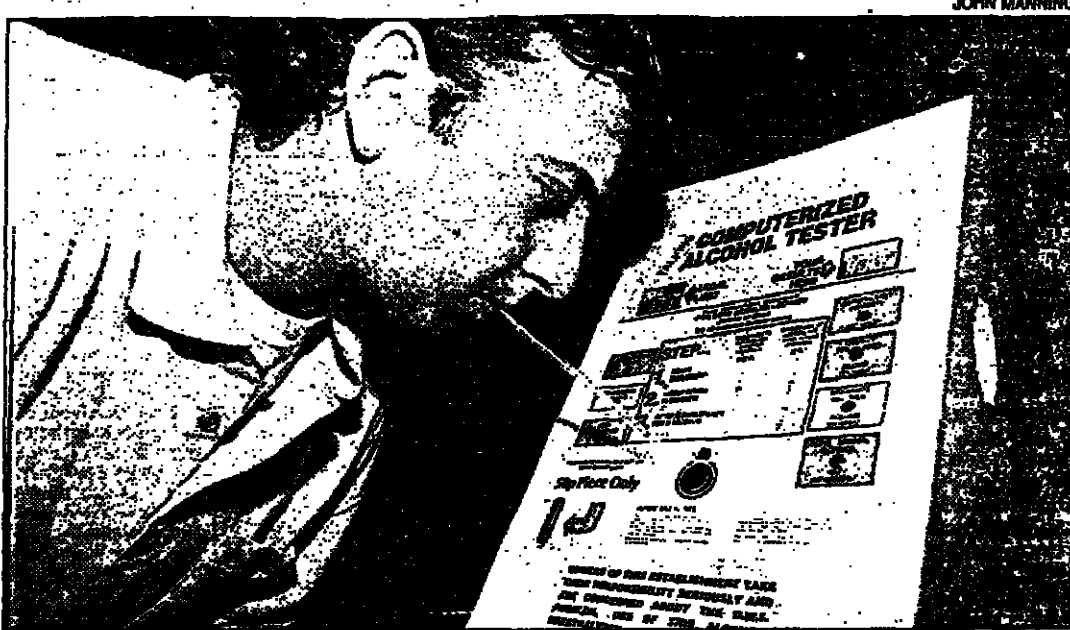
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Would breathalysers in the bar help drivers keep their licences or encourage drinking, asks Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

John Dee stopped at the pub after a tough day at his City office. Three whiskeys later, he settled back into the driver's seat of the family Volvo feeling more relaxed for the journey home to Hertfordshire. He was almost home when he was stopped by police, who had noticed a faulty sidelight. They carried out a breath check. Although Mr Dee was only just over the limit, 30 years' safe driving was blighted by a court appearance, a fine and a 12-month ban. Mr Dee is not a criminal. He was careless, and is one of hundreds of normally law-abiding drivers who will be similarly caught on, particularly in the run-up to Christmas. The rule should be black and white. If you drink, do not drive. The reality, however, is several shades of grey. Many genuinely attempt to obey the law but make a mistake. Mr Dee, a businessman, whose name has been changed to avoid embarrassment, is one. He believed he was within his limits after three whiskeys. He was clearly wrong, but how could he tell? The absorption of alcohol produces different results in different people on different days, and the amount of alcohol in drinks also varies enormously. Mr Dee says: "I calculated that three drinks were close to the limit, but certainly not over. Maybe the drinks were generous, or maybe I did not realise just how



Playing safe: a customer at Hollywoods nightclub takes the breath test before taking the wheel

quickly my body absorbs alcohol." If Mr Dee had breath-tested himself, could it have saved him from driving into trouble? Sir Ian Lloyd, Conservative MP for Havant, Hampshire, believes it could have and is advocating the fitting of do-it-yourself breathalysers in every public house and bar. The police and motoring organisations, however, claim that bar-room tests encourage drinkers to consume an amount as near the legal limit as possible before driving. This check also does not take account of the alcohol absorption time. Sir Ian says similar devices in Australia have contributed to an 80 per cent reduction in drink-driving offences. He says: "It is in everyone's interest for these machines to be available." But Andrew Howard, the Automobile Association's head of road safety, warns: "A DIY kit may not be as accurate as the Home Office-approved breathalyser used by police. It is not recognised as a defence in court and could encourage drivers to continue drinking up to the limit." One of the machines becoming available in Britain is the Patriot 5000, claimed to use the same technology as breathalysers in the United States. Drivers put 50p in a slot before blowing through a straw for an alcohol reading. Alan Parrish, Patriot UK's managing director, says the device helps to deter drivers who may be

near the legal limit instead of letting them guess their own alcohol levels. Dr Paul Williams, the marketing director of Lion Laboratories, which makes breathalysers for the British police, says bar-room devices need to be maintained to give accurate checks. Nodd MacDonagh, the general manager of Hollywoods nightclub in Romford, Essex, has a Patriot breathalyser on the premises, and says it is a useful deterrent to drinking and driving. "At this time of year, the driver will always be pressured into having a glass of champagne at the office party. It would be easy to slip over the limit, but this machine gives reassurance," he says. LOW-ALCOHOL drinks could be a fool's way to a driving ban. The Automobile Association said this week that drivers often choose low-alcohol brews, not realising that those beers and lagers could put them over the limit. Alcohol content ranges from 0.05 to 6 per cent, and the description "light" or "lite" beer does not always mean it is low in alcohol. A rough guide is that three low-alcohol beers equal one normal drink. But always check. Tesco, the supermarket chain, is helping by stating the number of units of alcohol on cans and bottles to guide drinkers. The AA

Red sales to slowcoaches

THE waiting list for Russian-built Lada cars is seven years long, so prosperous Soviet drivers are turning to foreign models filtering on to the market. Volvo sales will almost double to 1,500 cars next year, and Renault has just sent its first cars to Mordovia, astonishingly fulfilling an order for company cars. Volvo is stepping up its sales effort with an advertising campaign that has been masterminded by Volvo Concessionaires, the UK importer, and consists of 40 posters between Moscow airport and the city. Porsche, not to be outdone, is following the lead of other ambitious manufacturers hoping for sales in the East. The company has established sales and service points in Hungary and Poland and is planning further outlets in Romania and Yugoslavia.

Drivealongamax

HOOPER & Co, one of only two coachbuilding companies authorised by Rolls-Royce, has started restoration of classic cars, many of which it originally produced in its own workshops. One of the first jobs is to rebuild a 1950 Hooper-bodied Daimler, owned by Max Bygraves, the entertainer.

Money on a plate

DRIVERS spend their money on the most amazing things. The sale of registration numbers, which was received with a few guffaws in the industry when announced last year by Cecil Parkinson, then the transport secretary, has raised more than £20 million. The top price was £202,000 for 1A. ELV 1S was bought for £75,900.

Free and easy Fiat

FIAT is introducing a single gear automatic transmission version of its Tipo model in Britain. The Tipo 1.6DGT Selecta follows the trend towards easy-to-handle town cars with power steering and a variable gearbox, which has no changes as in the normal automatic, mated to an 86 brake horsepower engine. The price is £10,400.

Subaru price rise

PRICES of Subaru cars are up between 3.1 and 7.1 per cent this month, although the company says the figure for some models has been increased for the first time in two years. The base model Justy 1.2 511 4wd three-door is now £7,198 and the Legacy 2.2GX estate £16,798.



Flash, bang, wallop

HANDY tip from Sun Alliance, the large insurance group, for motorists on the wrong end of a crash this winter. Buy a small "throwaway" camera, available at most chemist's and photographic shops for a few pounds, to keep in the glove box. If you are involved in an accident, photograph the cars and location to use as evidence in a claim. Gail Roberts, the underwriting manager at Sun Alliance, says pictures may help to refresh the memory of the motorist and sort out disputed claims.

Time for old time

THE entry list is open for the Esso Bristol to Bournemouth Vintage Vehicle Run, which is on Sunday, June 9. There is room for 350 pre-1940 cars, motor cycles and light commercials able to take on the 97-mile run, which is organised by the Yeovil Car Club in Somerset.

Take a screen test

THE blind leading the invisible? The Association of British Insurers found, after speaking to 1,000 drivers, that 78 per cent believed the over-50 age group should have regular eye checks. But the 40 per cent of drivers who do not clean their windshields must themselves have impaired vision. The survey also found that 72 per cent

High-technology Skoda has the last laugh

ROADTEST

SOMEbody will have to change the script. Question: Why does a Skoda have a heated rear window? Answer: So that drivers can keep their hands warm pushing the car back to the garage. Peter Titerton, Skoda's director of UK car sales, can throw the joke book on the fire (Kevin Eason writes) and warn his hands over the prospect of a takeover by Volkswagen, which was announced this week and will secure the future of the little Czechoslovak manufacturer. Volkswagen will take an eventual 70 per cent share of the company and will help to launch a £3 billion investment programme

in modernisation, new gearbox and engine production and new assembly lines. The decision emphasises the investment opportunities in the East. The fact that the Germans had to fight off a joint Renault-Volvo offer shows how valuable Skoda was thought to be. Even though sales have been around 13,000 a year in Britain, Skoda has suffered an awful reputation. The Skoda jokes have plagued the company for years. Yet there is no real evidence that Skoda's warrant reputation, and the cars have often had an enthusiastic welcome from the normally critical motoring press. Skoda's rally successes speak for themselves. The company won the manufacturer's prize in this year's

RAC Rally ahead of Ford and Mitsubishi, indicating the company's engineering expertise. There is no doubt that Skoda's road cars are relatively spartan, as I discovered in test-driving the new Favorit 136LS, but it is difficult to complain about cars at prices that start below £5,000 and offer such good value. The car's styling is now distinctively western, the interior space is



Earning a better name for quality: the Skoda Favorit 136LS

ample, the boot space is 19.4 cu ft, and the Favorit 136LS has as standard a laminated windscreen, fog lamps, rear seats that split 60/40 for extra loads, a tinted sunroof and a tool kit. Driving is energetic. The car has plenty of acceleration for town driving and can cruise easily on the motorway at 70mph. A ten-gallon fuel tank makes 500 miles of cruising possible on unleaded petrol at a constant 56mph. Given a few years of access to Volkswagen technology, Skoda could worry rivals. No joke. SKODA FAVORIT 136LS. Price: £5,748. Engine: 1.3-litre, four cylinder providing 62 bhp through five-speed manual gearbox. Top speed: 83mph, fuel economy 56.2mpg in town.

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IN SOME respects the drawn Test series between Pakistan and West Indies, which ended here on Tuesday, was absorbing. In others it was unsatisfactory. So determined were the Pakistanis to deprive the West Indian fast bowlers of the bounce which is their most telling weapon, that the pitches they prepared denied the batsmen on both sides the chance to give of their best.

Only in Pakistan could it have been the kind of series it was. Not even over the border, in the days when India had the best spinners in the world, did they go to such lengths to nobble the opposition. That West Indies won the second Test match after losing the first, and had much the better of the third, was greatly to their credit.

In his heyday, Abdul Qadir would have been all but unplayable on the Lahore pitch in the last Test match. Now, sadly, he lacked the confidence to throw the ball up, or to try more than very occasionally, any of those wicked googlies with which he used to make batsmen look as though they might never have played before. Had Pakistan had the attack of a few years ago they would have won the series. As it was, in the last two Tests their slow bowlers played only a minor role.

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Pakistan cancel tour

KARACHI — Pakistan have pulled out of the Asia Cup tournament in India, which was to start on Christmas Day and have asked for an indefinite postponement of the full tour which was to have followed immediately (Qamar Ahmed writes).

The Pakistan decision follows the recent communal violence in various Indian cities. The tour was to have included five Test matches and five one-day internationals.

Arif Ali Abbasi, secretary of the Pakistan board, whose own nephew has been killed in Hyderabad, said: "The safety of

our players is our main priority. We cannot afford to take any chance of exposing them to hooligans in the situation as it is." It seems that the Pakistan foreign office also advised against the tour.

Both Pakistan and Sri Lanka have named two uncapped players in their 14-man parties for two one-day internationals in Sharjah next week. Pakistan have introduced the batsmen, Ghulam Ali and Aamir Sohail, Sri Lanka have included Charith Senanayake, a batsman, and Pramodaya Wickremasinghe, a fast bowler. Sri Lanka's squad will go on to India for the Asia Cup.

and pay so little for them was not at all what Pakistan had intended.

No one questions, other than the batsmen who benefited from them, that the predictable draws of yesterday were a bore. Now, though, things have gone too much the other way. Today, attacking batsmanship is seldom seen. Discounting India — when they play here the pitches have to be good in case, by some awful chance, they should be allowed to win — the five countries that Pakistan have reached 300 in only three of the last 39 completed Test innings. Since 1984, that is.

West Indies have now failed to do so on any of their last three tours (18 innings). New Zealand on either of their last two (11 innings) and England, when they last came, in six innings. The time has come for a memorandum from the International Cricket Council to the Pakistan board reminding them of the need for a more natural balance between bat and ball.

Although by last Tuesday evening West Indian tempers were visibly frayed, Desmond Haynes, their captain, and Lance Gibbs, the manager, had taken the rough with the smooth a good deal more philosophically than some sides I can think of. Played in England, on average English pitches, West Indies would probably have won. That they failed to do so in Pakistan had nothing whatever to do with the umpiring.

There were mistakes, as there always will be, but these were not ways, and a pair of English Test umpires would have needed to be at their best.

Evans out to defuse power struggle

BOB Evans, the deposed Warwickshire chairman, yesterday offered a peace formula to avert "major bloodletting" in the continuing power struggle at Edgbaston (Chris Moore writes).

Speaking publicly for the first time since his removal from office by the general committee last week, Evans said he was available at any time during the next three weeks to meet the committee and discuss the four proposals for reform that prompted his dismissal and that of Peter Bromage, chairman of the county's finance and general purposes committee.

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GOLF



Perplexed: Rafferty working out his line at the 10th

Woosnam boosted by an eagle three

HONG KONG (Reuters) — Ronan Rafferty's round of 69 here yesterday, which he described as "boring old stuff", was enough to give him the lead at the halfway stage of the \$350,000 (around £160,000) Johnnie Walker Asian Classic.

The Northern Ireland player is a shot clear of his European opponent, Ian Woosnam, who had a 68. Nick Faldo, 11th at ease during his first round of 72, also scored 68, to move within four shots of the lead. He is in a five-way tie for ninth place.

Rafferty, winner of two tournaments in Europe this year, can rarely be accused of over-enthusiasm about his efforts and this round was no exception. "It was a fairly dull round after my great start," he said. "I have not played for two weeks and I'm finding it a bit difficult to get back into the groove."

The highlight of Woosnam's round was an eagle three at the 9th, where he holed a 35-foot putt. "I am pleased with the way I am playing," Woosnam said. However, he is rather ring-rusty after a three-week break. "I am

hoping a few more putts will drop."

Faldo was happier with his swing but not with his luck on the greens. "I have got to hole some more putts, that is the key to winning this," Faldo said. He pulled out of last week's Australian Classic with a recurrence of a wrist injury.

The joint first-round leader, David J. Russell, slumped to a 78, a seven-over-par score which included a left-handed side shot.

Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, set a record for the amended course with a round of 66.

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"If Ascot goes by the board, we'll have

Joint tilt at 2000 Games urged on London

By JOHN GOODBODY

AN INDEPENDENT study yesterday urged the rival groups interested in staging the 2000 Olympic Games in London to combine to ensure the bid goes forward to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte, a leading firm of accountants, emphasised that any successful bid should centre on a new complex of sports facilities and an Olympic village close to an existing or approved transport infrastructure.

The report comes only six days before the British Olympic Association (BOA) decides whether to endorse a bid for the Games. Manchester and pos-

sibly Birmingham, which failed to get the 1996 and 1992 Games respectively, are also expected to bid for the 2000 Olympics.

Four groups, one of which, London 2000, is led by Sebastian Coe, are looking at the possibility of holding the Games. Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte stated that it was only asked by the London Council for Sport and Recreation, a body which represents local authorities and sports bodies in the capital, to set up a preliminary feasibility study but it was not interested in putting in a bid itself.

Ed Straw, a spokesman for the company, said: "We are just concerned with getting everyone together to support a joint effort." A proper feasibility

study would now look at how much government financing would be needed.

"The German government would clearly back Berlin, one of London's probable rivals for the year 2000, to the hilt," he said. "It is important that London has a serious and professional bid and not a glorious failure."

Straw pointed out that much of the money from the government and also local authorities and the private sector for infrastructure and housing will already have been projected, if not approved. "The important thing is that this money is spent at the right time, before the Games are held here and that the infrastructure and transport connected with the Olympics get priority."

However, he did warn: "What the government must understand is that every recent Olympic Games, with the possible exception of Los Angeles, has had major government support." He pointed out that Atlanta, which will host the 1996 Games, will get US\$414 million for facilities from the Georgia State government.

The paper from Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte stated that the building costs for an Olympic and media village, consisting of 30,000 beds, would cost about £450 million. In 1988-9 London's local authorities spent a total of only £128 million on new housing.

"The government has to make up its mind. An Olympic Games

is one of the best possible investments of its kind. It is a catalyst for many other things. It also raises morale."

The company looked at several possible sites for the main venues, including Docklands and the East Thames corridor, alongside the M11 and also West London near Heathrow.

Generally, the report felt that London had the strength of being an attractive venue for visitors, recognised international media expertise, a substantial catchment area for spectators, excellent air transport, superb cultural attractions and the British traditions.

Its weaknesses were seen as poor local infrastructure and the lack of existing venues for

competition and training. The report pointed out that whereas Atlanta had nearly 60 per cent of its facilities built by the time that the IOC voted last September on the venue for the 1996 Games, Manchester had only 34 per cent completed and only a green field to show for the main Games site.

The report stated that the important ingredient in credibility was having facilities that were built or being built provided that they were of good quality.

If the BOA decides next week that Britain should bid again for the Games it will vote which city to nominate in March. The IOC will decide at its session in September, 1993.

Dick Palmer, the secretary of

the BOA, is drawing up a discussion paper to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday. This will look at the process the association will go through to receive the bid, how it will evaluate them and the standards required.

There are several members of the BOA who believe that it is pointless bidding again for the Games unless there is a genuine chance of success.

In September, Manchester only secured five votes in the second round, having polled 11 in the first. Birmingham only got eight votes in the second round when it failed to get the 1992 Games which will take place in Barcelona.

SKIING

Racers take the hump at flattening of 'camels'

From BRIAN JAMES IN VAL GARDENA, ITALY

A VALLEY justly infamous for its grotesque knobly woodcarving has now appalled some of the world's best skiers by having had its bumps sculpted out. The sport is already reckoned to have become too smooth.

Men with ice axes and shovels have been at the "camels", the trio of bumps that are the most famous characteristic of the Saslong piste where the second downhill of this World Cup season will be run today. Other men, with snow made by machines, have been smoothing off a section in the centre of the course where technical excellence has always been demanded.

According to Italy's Kristian Ghedina, one of the favourites: "The course is so much easier. They have taken too much from the camels." Leonard Stock, the Austrian who won the season's first downhill, said: "I skied the bumps badly. But that was my fault, not the piste, which is very changed."

The lip of the middle hump of the "camels" has been extended six metres, making it less likely that the fastest men will take off, fly 40 metres and thump down on the peak of the last hump. Five men did this last year, and fell. One has not skied since, and Peter Mueller, of Switzerland, is only slowly regaining his confidence.

The case for a hard look at the preparation is therefore easily made. But as Karl Schranz, world champion and skier supreme in the 1960s, insisted: "We don't want accidents. But this is downhill not a cross country. It is much too easy, but then so has become the whole sport. It is the trainers who make the protests, call for

changes. Not the skiers. They can manage the hardest courses. Anyway the best ones can."

Those of us who skied the course in the hour before final training, if in times more appropriately monitored by a calendar than a clock, will know this 3,440-metre serpent of ice will only be skied in something like 120 seconds by the bravest.

Peter Wirnsberger was more forgiving than most about the Val Gardena track. "I think it is different. Not easier. It still has many of the parts of a classic course."

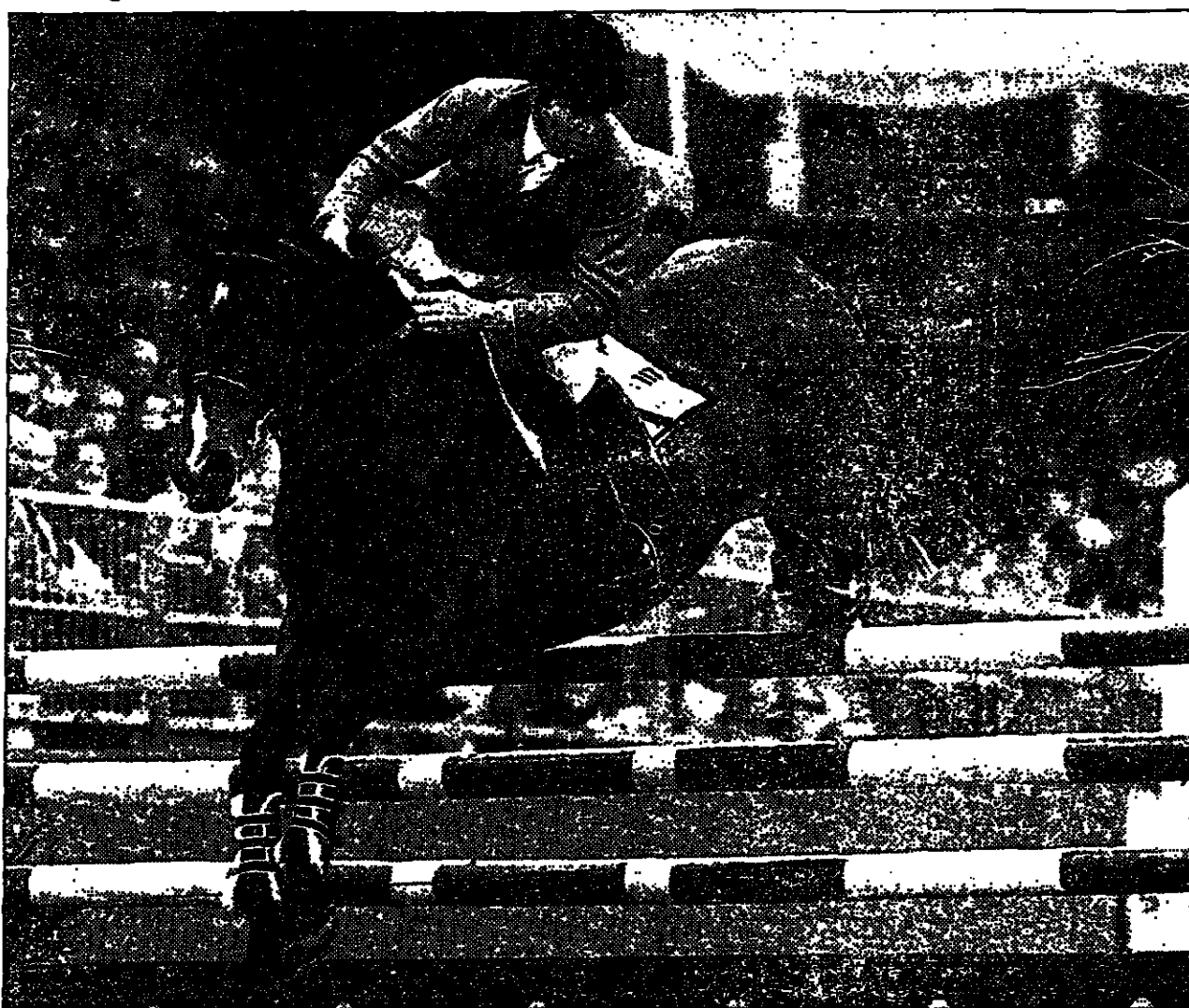
Forecasting is tricky. The Swiss, Franz Heinzer, second last year and fastest in first-day practice, virtually slalomed the last sprint to the finish, perhaps not wanting to show all he has. So the two fastest times are held by Hodefner and Boyd, who have each twice won this race. Two inevitable Norwegians, Skadad and Arnesen, and two of the young Americans, Moe and Kitt, lurk close.

Nobody carries a greater load than young Ghedina, whom the Italians call "La Slavinia" (the avalanche) when they love him - that is, when he wins. Or "Ghedina? Unrecognisable" as one headline dismissively screamed when, as last week, he loses.

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1. H Hodefner (Austria), 2m 25.6sec; 2. R Boyd (Can), 2m 26.12; 3. A Skadad (Nor), 2m 26.34; 4. T Moe (Nor), 2m 26.44; 5. Moe (Swi), 2m 26.45; 6. K Ghedina (It), 2m 26.46; 7. L Stock (Austria), 2m 26.48; 8. P Mueller (Swi), 2m 26.58; 9. A Kitt (USA), 2m 26.70; 10. P Wirnsberger (Austria), 2m 26.58.

Driving snow forced the abandonment of the third and final practice day for the women's World Cup downhill in Meiringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland, today (Reuters reports).

Olympia's show under way in flying fashion



Cracking clearance: Nick Skelton, on Alan Paul Grand Slam, in the Christmas Cracker Stakes yesterday

Bowen and Delsey show class

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE Lancashire born rider, David Bowen, who is in dispute with the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) over a positive drug test on his horse, Delsey, last summer, underlined the nine-year-old gelding's fitness at Olympia yesterday with a convincing win in the Everest Christmas Stocking Stakes.

Bowen, aged 42, received £900 for his efforts but revealed afterwards that he is still smarting from the £300 fine imposed on him by the FEI last month after Delsey was found positive for the drug, isosuprine, following his win in the Hickstead Speed Derby last August.

"With the fine and the loss of prize money for being

disqualified I've had to pay nearly £2,000 - but my horse has never been given the drug - I didn't even know what it was for when they rang to tell me about the fine."

David Broome's horse, Lamegan, was also tested positive for the drug - which is used to relieve the pain of navicular disease in the foot - at the Dublin Horse Show in July. But in his case, it was traced back to a contaminated electrolyte and Broome, although still disqualified from all events at Dublin, was exonerated from responsibility.

Bowen has no idea how the drug came to be in Delsey. "There's no horse in the yard with navicular so there would be no reason to have had the drug. If the FEI is going to get

this tough there should definitely be a 24-hour guard on horses at all FEI shows. I shall definitely appeal - though that could add another £500 to my expenses."

Broome, whose expenses are being paid by the manufacturer of the electrolyte, is also considering an appeal. "There's a lot at stake here," he said yesterday, "my disqualification from Dublin means we lose the Nations Cup and £6,000 prize-money - what if the other members of the Nations Cup team decide to sue me because of loss of earnings?"

More immediate problems were confronting Raymond Brooks-Ward, the director of Olympia, at the show yesterday. The horses of seven foreign riders, including all the

French and Swiss, were delayed in Calais because of the rough weather in the Channel and missed the opening day.

Roger-Yves Bost, the leader of the European League of the World Cup after his win in Bordeaux last week, was believed yesterday to have given up trying to cross and gone home.

The rest hoped to catch the evening ferry last night. Ironically, the organisers had last month beamed the number of foreign riders compared with British ones that the show was forced to take under FEI rules.

RESULTS: Everest Christmas Stocking Derby (2 years), 32.75sec: Brook Street Owner (R Smith), 32.82; 2. Penny (J Larsson), 33.08; The Modern Atlanta Christmas Derby (2 years), 33.08: 1. Zazu (P Heffer), 44.25sec; 2. Alan Paul Grand Slam (N Skelton), 45.01; 3. Top Gun (L Sile), 45.27.

Illustrious four of United States go for Olympic gold

DAVID MILLER

CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Lillehammer, Norway

THE United States has not won an Olympic medal in the four-man bobsleigh event since 1956, when it took the bronze. A group of illustrious novices is going for gold in 1992 at Albertville ... and onwards, they hope, to Lillehammer two years later.

Edwin Moses, double Olympic hurdles gold medal winner, Willie Gault, who plays wide receiver for Los Angeles Raiders, and Herschel Walker, the running back for Minnesota Vikings, have united to give a bobsleigh team in July, together with many other candidates. It was the famous three who scored the highest marks at 30, 60 and 100 metre sprints, a vertical jump, a 16-pound shot throw and a five-consecutive hop.

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more on bulk." In trials in September at Lake Placid, the US Olympic centre on the east coast, the new formation set a record time of 5.03sec on the test track starting rails. Suddenly, Tony Carino, the national bobsleigh coach, was talking about gold medals.

Previously, the multi-sport sprinters had taken part in aptitude testing at Lake Placid in July, together with many other candidates. It was the famous three who scored the highest marks at 30, 60 and 100 metre sprints, a vertical jump, a 16-pound shot throw and a five-consecutive hop.

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Referees happy with behaviour of Welsh rugby union despite the surge of league sendings-off

Return to final for Burke

By DAVID HANDS

FOUR members of the Lancashire XV defeated in last season's county colts final return to Twickenham to meet Somerset for the New Year Bank Holiday in the final of this season's championship on Saturday. They include the captain, Graham Burke, the Littleborough scrum half who played stand-off half in the 34-3 defeat by Yorkshire.

Lancashire dismissed Yorkshire 19-3 in the group games and have conceded only 19 points in seven games - including a 22-3 semi-final defeat of Cornwall - on their way to the final.

Somerset's 20-4 victory over Hertfordshire at the same stage included five tries and, in their third final in four years, they include four players from Bath, among them Andrew Webber, the captain and stand-off.

Bath recently encountered the unbeaten Wasps colts XV, going down 54-0 on their own ground. Both sides were weakened by county calls but Wasps scored ten tries, three of them to Paul Volley, the flanker.

They have conceded only one try throughout the season. However they face a substantial challenge next month when they visit Agen, whose only defeat last season was at their hands.

Quality tag put on Australian team

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE strongest schools side to leave Australia for the northern hemisphere begins a 13-match tour against the Australians in Leiden tomorrow. Given that the previous tour, and 56 matches, the Australian schools have lost just once - to England in 1974 - that is a considerable claim from Christopher Hawkins, their coach.

Hawkins admitted that the 1977 party, which included the Ellis brothers and Wally Lewis, may have had more talented individuals, but he said at Twickenham yesterday, "this is the strongest overall team." It includes 20 of the match party of 21 which beat New Zealand schools 9-7 in September.

The Australians tend to introduce their most talented youngsters to the senior national side without delay; thus of the last tour party, in 1986, Scott Gourlay, Sam Scott-Young, Richard Tombs, and Ricky Stuart all toured with the Wallabies within two years and Stuart was a key half back in the Australian rugby league team which beat Great Britain 2-1.

Of the three internationals - because of a disagreement over the age limits, the Australians

will play a Scottish Youth XV - Hawkins regards Ireland as the greatest challenge. The Australian coach bases his judgment on the party which toured in 1987. "They had the best schoolboy forward pack I have seen for a long time," he said.

INTERNATIONALS: December 12: v Netherlands (Leiden); 13: v West Wales (Leiden); 22: v East Wales (Newbridge); 29: v Wales (Cardiff Arms Park); 30: v Leinster (Dublin); 31: v Scotland (Murrayfield); 15: v North and Midlands (Leicester); 16: v South West and London (Bristol); 20: v Yorkshire (Headingley); 22: v England (Twickenham).

England Students face a busy 18 months in the build-up to their World Cup in Italy in the summer of 1992. A squad of 48 is required for training at Bisham Abbey from January 4 to 6 to prepare for internationals against Wales, Scotland and France, before touring Canada in July and August.

Oxford who won the university match on Tuesday, provide two members, de Glanville and Taylor, while Cambridge offer 11.

A SET of statistics which show that 21 players have been sent off in nine Saturdays, half the fixtures in the Welsh Heineken League, should concentrate anyone's attention. This figure is clearly unacceptable. But we need to take care.

On the surface, this suggests that violence is rampant in the inaugural year of Wales's structured competition. For the first time, clubs are playing for divisional points. Honour is more clearly at stake and, weekly, positions are to be contested. Promotion is to be aimed for, relegation avoided; excuses to be made, form justified. There is a tension in the air.

The league had the least auspicious of beginnings. The competition was hardly four minutes old when Les Peard, the international referee, sent off Denzil Eardland, of Pontypriid, in the game against Llanelli. The back row forward was later joined by his colleague, Jim Scarlett.

Statistics never tell the whole story, however. And on this occasion a hasty conclusion from a superficial analysis of these figures could easily, and unfairly, taint Welsh rugby.

Club coaches admit that the character of Welsh rugby is undergoing a change. Life nowadays is lived permanently on a knife edge, emotions, whether fulfilled or frustrated, are necessarily sharper.

In these circumstances there has necessarily to be better discipline. Which brings us to

GERALD DAVIES

statistics can properly reflect. The tone of the matches, almost without exception in my experience this season, has considerably changed.

If there was an undercurrent of ill-feeling in that first match at Stradey Park this has not been the pattern elsewhere. There were times in past "friendlies" when the atmosphere of skulduggery was uncomfortably ominous, almost tangible, from the very start of the game.

No league game as yet in my experience has generated that kind of hostility. They have been almost free of tuggery. If the standard of rugby may not be what one would wish, there cannot be very many complaints about the general standard of behaviour.

"Of course, we are unhappy with these statistics," Ken Rowlands, the WRU referee development officer, said. "We'd prefer not to have any send-offs at all, naturally. But I have meetings regularly with referees and they confirm that the standard of discipline is vastly improved."

"They no longer have to deal with those prolonged punch-ups that used to occur. The game is cleaner."

Derek Bevan, the Welsh international referee, agrees. "The three pairs of eyes have done away with so many of the off-the-ball incidents," he said, referring to the two touch-

now know that certain things simply cannot occur the way they used to."

In which case, are the referees over-reacting, feeling the need to clamp down early on league tension which could cause violence?

"No, I don't think so," Rowlands said. "It's not the motivation or the early tension of the leagues that causes men to be sent off, because most of them occur well into the game."

"The referees have come to understand what standards are expected of them. That can only be to the good of the game as a whole."

"My belief is that the sending-off figures will decline dramatically in the new year. The clubs and the coaches are already getting the message about discipline, but some players are slow to understand that the chances of winning are substantially reduced if a team plays with a man short. The penny for some silly players, who commit violence, still takes a long time to drop. I'm afraid."

SENDINGS-OFF: September 22: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 29: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 30: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 31: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 1: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 2: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 3: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 4: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 5: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 6: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 7: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 8: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 9: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 10: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 11: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 12: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 13: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 14: D Eardland and J Scarlett of Pontypriid v Llanelli; 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SPORT

Kelly is unlikely to shift stumbling block

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, yesterday produced a document designed to alter the strategic planning of the game's authorities. His proposals are to be discussed by the FA Council on January 14 but, even if they are accepted then, they promise to be rejected by the League.

As in the blueprint published by the League two months ago, Kelly insists that the administration can be streamlined only by forming an executive board. Although both bodies share the view that there should be 12 members, they disagree on the number of respective representatives.

The League is adamant that if the partnership is to be seen to be

genuine, each party must have six. Kelly concedes that, although the Council has yet officially to talk about the equation, "concern has been expressed about the 50-50 split". The FA is putting forward a different set of figures.

It is willing to have no more than four representatives from the League and defends the apparent imbalance by pointing out that it has a far greater overall responsibility within the game. On such a comparatively trivial matter rests the future implementation of both sets of ideas.

Unless agreement can be reached, the two bodies are likely to continue to follow separate paths. The opportunity to benefit from the interest provoked by England's success in the World

Cup (the FA estimate that the annual income of £25 million could be more than doubled) will have been lost.

Kelly said that the League's proposals "presented a picture of disharmony, which is not the case". As if to disprove his opinion, which cannot be shared by many either inside or outside of the game, another example of the public discord was revealed as he was speaking during a lunch at a London hotel.

The FA had suggested that £3.5 million of the money provided by the television companies should be used to improve the nine stadiums where the 1998 World Cup finals would be staged. David Dent, the secretary, announced that the League opposes the plan and suggests instead that "new revenue should be raised".

Neither the FA nor the League intend to ask other interested parties such as the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), the managers, the referees and the supporters, to be involved in the scheme. Yet unless they do so, they can scarcely refute allegations that they are not reflecting every view to be held.

Stadiums

The Football Stadium Advisory Design Council, set up by the FA and the League, and the Football Licensing Authority, the government's responsibility, are stumbling around in the dark. The injection of £100 million over five years, provided by the reduction in the betting tax, is welcome but there needs to be a national plan covering the collective investment re-

quired. Otherwise clubs will struggle to keep pace with trends.

Commercial activities

A separate limited company should be set up to exploit properties such as the FA Cup and the England crest. Television contracts are to be renewed in a year or two and football must be prepared to take on the intense competition. A Junior England club is to be formed to attract youngsters, who can identify with the national team.

Excellence

Almost all respected coaches say that young talent is being drastically mismanaged. There are too many competitions, the fear factor is prevalent and technique is not being developed. Eleven-a-side games should be played only by those

aged 11 or more. Clubs should sign boys from the local area.

Health

Physiological testing in the human performance department at Lillieshall must be mandatory for all of the leading youngsters. Medical problems should be diagnosed and treated at the earliest opportunity. Fixture lists at youth level should be reduced.

Community

With the League and the PFA, a scheme is being developed to broaden the base. A grant of £3 million over two years has been donated by the Football Trust. In the new year Mini-Soccer, an activity which can be played anywhere, will be launched to encourage youngsters.

Image

Video evidence will not be

used to undermine the authority of referees. In exceptional circumstances steps will be taken to maintain discipline and to prevent the police taking action. Referees need to be recruited, although there are 1,500 more than last season.

Laws

Amendments must be researched before being put before the international board. It is anomalous that deliberate handling of the ball results in a yellow card and physical foul play warrants a red card. It is being proposed that anyone adjudged to have committed an offence which is "an affront to the game" will be sent off. It is also being proposed that a player can be ruled offside only if he is "seeking" to interfere with play.

England start on road back

From ALAN LEE
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A VICTORY which looked alternately improbable, problematic and elementary, soothed the nerves of England's cricketers here last night and restored their uneasy ascendancy over New Zealand.

Played on a sub-standard pitch, inclined to keep low, and featuring teams with chaotic injury problems, this World Series Cup match was always likely to stretch even the hyperbole of the Channel Nine commentary team.

It was not the greatest one-day game. It was influenced by a battling innings from Allan Lamb and by the welcome curiosity of two spinners bowling in tandem. Eventually, it was decided by a leg-before decision which was more than merely questionable.

"Any win is a good win," the relieved captain, Graham Gooch, said. "There are obviously lots of areas of our cricket still to improve and the biggest of these is the batting, which is not up to standard. But we have at least made a start on the road back."

Gooch's decision to play seemed, ultimately, straightforward. Having straightened his recuperating hand without reaction in Bowral, and seen to his horror just how far his team had declined, he had little option.

The role of avenging hero did not, however, sit easily on the shoulders of a man struggling to reacquire himself with his midsummer form.

Put in to bat, Gooch rightly decided that he should open as usual. As he went about his preparations, on the dressing-room balcony, the television cameras followed him as if they were backstage with an

WORLD SERIES CUP

	P	W	L	Pts	R/Rate
Australia	4	4	0	8	5.03
England	4	2	2	4	4.02
New Zealand	4	1	3	2	4.02

REMAINING QUALIFYING MATCHES:
Tomorrow: England v New Zealand (Sydney)
Dec 16: Australia v New Zealand (Sydney)
Jan 12: Australia v England (Melbourne)
Jan 13: England v New Zealand (Melbourne)
Jan 17: New Zealand v Australia (Melbourne)

ageing rock star before his comeback concert. The analogy goes on, for Gooch had serious trouble remembering his famous lines.

A pressured innings in an overs match is not the ideal way back for him and it will be next week, and the four-day game against Victoria, before he has a proper chance to restore his touch in time for the Melbourne Test. Here, he scored three in 13 balls before pushing stiffly at one which left him.

When Larkins and Smith were out to unworthy strokes, England were 23 for three and much depended on Lamb. He came out with his face like a beaten boxer's, red and puffy from treatment, 24 hours earlier, to eradicate some cancerous spots on his skin.

In the circumstances, one could forgive him an impetuous first ball smear and some neurotic running early in his stay. It was less easy to pardon him for the muddle in which John Morris, setting off reasonably for a third run to mid-wicket, was run out due to Lamb's indecision.

Fortunately, Stewart, who yesterday also took over the wicketkeeping gloves from Russell, is now in his best form of the tour, and a stand of 77 in 17 overs gave the total some body.

From there, the final six wickets fell for 51 runs in ten overs. England not only failed to reach 200 for the fourth time in as many World Series

Cup games, they also failed by 20 balls to occupy their full quota of overs, which is rank bad cricket.

Gooch felt the score of 194 to be inadequate but defensible against this New Zealand side. Already without Jones and Smith, they have now lost Greatbatch, who returns home today for treatment on a knee. Crowe and Wright opened the innings and both teams knew that there was little of substance to follow.

They began as if victory was a mere formality and had put on 56 in 15 overs when Wright was spectacularly caught at slip, by Lamb, off Lewis. It became a case of England against Crowe.

This contest was subtly won and lost. Tuffnell deserves credit for another nerveless spell of attacking left-arm spin, this time supplemented by the nagging of Hemmings. Most important of all was Crowe's inability to dominate the strike. In the middle ten overs of the innings, he faced only 13 balls and just 19 runs were scored.

With 100 needed from the last 16, England could not relax. Inside the last ten, New Zealand required only 57 when Young was well caught by Morris on the mid-wicket boundary. Crowe's subsequent fall, leg-before to a ball which was arguably too high and undoubtedly missing leg stump, buried further speculation, and Crowe did not conceal his disgust. His depleted team must now beat England in Brisbane tomorrow to retain even a glimmer of interest.

Fighting broke out several times in the crowd of 10,000. The trouble appeared to emanate from a section of English supporters.

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Fighting innings: Allan Lamb on his way to a top score for England

SCOREBOARD FROM SYDNEY

New Zealand won toss										
ENGLAND					NEW ZEALAND					
	3s	4s	Mins	Balls		6s	4s	Mins	Balls	
*G A Gooch c Young b Priele	3	-	15	13	*M D Crowe b b Fraser	76	-	4	172	
Chasing ball wide of off-stump					Driving across the line				107	
W Larkins c Watson b Priele	6	-	28	18	J G Wright c Lamb b Lewis	28	-	4	63	
Miscued drive to mid-off moving left					Attacking off-side shot				50	
R A Smith c Larkins b Priele	4	-	26	13	G E Bradburn b Lewis	2	-	15	12	
Glanced ball high to square leg					Swung by low bounce as ball cut back					
A J Lamb b Morrison	72	-	7	147	110	K R Matthews b Hemmings	1	-	11	12
Ball passed between bat and pad					Rounded his legs					
J E Morris run out	19	-	3	43	28	R Y Larkins c Smith b Hemmings	10	-	22	35
Misunderstanding with Lamb					Swung full toss to deep mid-wicket					
JA J Stewart run out	42	-	3	81	89	18 A Young c Morris b Blackwell	25	-	1	44
Long throw from deep mid-on						Driving high to deep mid-wicket				
C Lewis c and b Bradburn	4	-	1	5	4	22 Lewis b 1-3-35-4, 1st (5-0-17-2), (4-1-0-18-2); Tuffnell 10-1-27-0 (one spell); Hemmings 10-1-34-2 (one spell); Man of the match: A J Lamb.				
Defensive shot biffed catch down offside						C Priele c Hemmings b Fraser	12	-	33	20
M P Blackwell b Priele	5	-	-	19	17	Drive edged to wicketkeeper				
Chopped ball on to stumps						R G Priele c Stewart b Lewis	2	-	18	7
E E Hemmings not out	8	-	1	17	10	Slur to wicketkeeper				
A R C Fraser b b Priele	5	-	1	6	4	C Priele c Hemmings b Fraser	1	-	7	4
Playing across the line						Skip to cover point				
P C R Tuffnell b Priele	2	-	-	8	7	D K Morrison not out	2	-	7	6
Attacking shot played outside ball						W Watson run out (Hemmings)	0	-	-	2
Extras (lb 7, w 10, nb 2)	19					Sharp throw from backward point				0
Total (48.4 overs, 192 mins)	194					Extras (lb 5, w 2) 7				
					Total (48.1 overs 202 mins)	181				
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7 (Larkins no 2), 2-16 (Smith 2 no), 3-23 (Lamb 2 no), 4-66 (Lamb 2 no), 5-143 (Lamb 2 no), 6-156 (Lamb 5 no), 7-170 (Lamb 72 no), 8-179 (Hemmings 4 no), 9-188 (Hemmings 4 no), 10-194 (Hemmings 8 no).					FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56 (Crowe 27 no), 2-64 (Crowe 33 no), 3-66 (Crowe 34 no), 4-84 (Crowe 42 no), 5-133 (Crowe 71 no), 6-151 (Harris 7 no), 7-158 (Harris 12 no), 8-158 (Priele 1 no), 9-160 (Morrison 1 no), 10-161 (Morrison 2 no).					
BOWLING: Priele 8-4-0-35-4, w3 (5-0-15-1), (3-4-0-20-3); Priele 8-2-25-2, nb1, w1 (one spell); Watson 10-0-36-0, 1nb (5-0-16-0), (5-0-22-0); Morrison 10-0-45-1, nb1 (5-0-19-0), (5-0-28-7); Bradburn 10-0-44-1, 3w (one spell).					BOWLING: Blackwell 10-1-31-3, 1w (5-0-30-0); Fraser 9-1-21-2 (5-1-0-0), (4-0-12-2); Lewis 8-1-35-4, 1w (5-0-17-2), (4-1-0-18-2); Tuffnell 10-1-27-0 (one spell); Hemmings 10-1-34-2 (one spell); Man of the match: A J Lamb.					
Umpires: A R Crafter and I S Thomas.					Umpires: A R Crafter and I S Thomas.					

World Cup gets the Australian touch

From ALAN LEE

CRICKET's next World Cup, to be played in the spring of 1992, has been Australianised. For the first time, coloured clothing and white balls will be used and five matches, including the final, will be played under floodlights.

In another fundamental change from the four previous World Cups, the eight competing countries will not be divided into two seeded groups. Instead, each side will play the other seven once each with the leading four then proceeding to the semi-finals.

Of the 31 games, 20 will be held in Australia and the rest in New Zealand. The opening match, on February 22, will feature the host nations and will be staged in Auckland, but the venue for the final, on

competing for the honour. A decision will be taken by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) at its meeting in February. Melbourne is the logical choice, as its rebuilding work will be complete and the ground's capacity is almost double that of Sydney.

England, who will already have completed a six-week tour of New Zealand, begin their Cup programme in

Perth, against Sri Lanka, and only venture outside Australia once, to play New Zealand in Wellington. If they remain in contention for the semi-finals, their last round-robin match, against Australia under the Melbourne lights, will be an immense attraction.

The host nations have taken a provocative, if predictable, decision by naming Benson and Hedges as sponsor of the

Cup. It is predictable because Benson and Hedges has sponsored international cricket in Australia for 18 years; it is provocative because there is existing or threatened legislation in both countries to prohibit advertising by tobacco companies, including sponsorships.

Malcolm Gray, chairman of the World Cup committee, conceded yesterday that New Zealand's cricket authority still has to clear the matter with its government, but added: "We believe it is reasonable to accept sponsorship from any company producing something which is legal."

Prize money for the World Cup will total about £100,000. If it was to start tomorrow, it would be to start tomorrow.

WORLD CUP DRAW

QUALIFYING MATCHES: February 22: New Zealand v Australia (Auckland); 23: Pakistan v India (Melbourne); England v Sri Lanka (Perth); 25: New Zealand v Zimbabwe (Hamilton); 26: Australia v West Indies (Sydney, day/night); 28: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (New Plymouth); 29: West Indies v Pakistan (Perth); 30: New Zealand v India (Auckland); 31: Australia v Sri Lanka (Wellington); 3: Pakistan v Sri Lanka (Auckland to be announced); 4: England v West Indies (Sydney, day/night); 5: Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 7: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 8: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 9: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 10: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 11: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 12: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 13: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 14: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 15: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 16: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 17: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 18: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 19: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 20: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe (Nagpur); 21: Australia v Zimbabwe (Perth); 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